Such A Time As This

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Prayer

Dear Father of light, the God of all flesh, You are adored and honored. We have come humbly to Your feet to be fed by You, we pray that none of us would leave here with a plastic experience but we'd be nourished by Your word in Jesus Christ name, Amen!

Study

I welcome everyone of us today in the name of our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I'm glad that everyone of us are all alive till now. All glory belongs to The Lord Jesus Christ who has called us into His marvelous light, may His glory continually radiate over our lives. We shall quickly look briefly into what The Lord has for us. Amen

Please can someone send **Esther 4:1-17** for us all to read carefully.

Esther 4:1-17 KJV When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; **[2]** And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. **[3]** And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. **[4]** So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he

received it not**. [5]** Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was**. [6] So Hatach** went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.

[7] And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. **[8]** Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. **[9] A**nd Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. [**10]** Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; [**11]** All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. **[12]** And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. **[13]** Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

[14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this**? [15]** Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, **[16]** Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. **[17]** So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him. Wow, please read those verses of the scriptures before reading on. From the beginning of this chapter one could see that all the Jews were in distress due to what Haman planned for them. We read that there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing and many lay in sack cloth and ashes. **Esther 4:3 KJV** And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there

was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. All through the scriptures we are able to see that whenever someone put on sack clothes and ashes it means that such a person is in great sorrow and bitterness. That was the case with job, due to the afflictions that came upon him, he said **Job 42:6 KJV** Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

This was what happened to the Jews. Before this time Esther had risen to become the King's wife in a strange land and since the Jews who are Esther's people are now in danger she's in the best position to stand for them; but she has constraints here which if she tries to cross she might end up losing her life but she had to choose either to lose her life or all her people loses theirs. In most cases people tend to think about themselves or their safety when they are in authority or having assurance of security in Men of war, Esther must have thought like that but Mordecai made her know that man is not saved in the multitude of his army and those who put their trust in chariots and horses will be disappointed. **Psalm 33:16 KJV** There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. So she should not think that the palace with grant her safety as the decree was made to eliminate the Jews and ofcause she's a Jew, therefore, this is not the time to remain silent as if nothing is wrong. Many tend to keep quiet and remain nonchalant concerning the situation of others in as much as they will not be affected, this should not be found amongst Christians, once we are comfortable, we should also remember situations others are passing through. This was why Mordecai had to warn Esther about acting that way, saying relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but there would certainly be a repercussion for her negligence, he said who knows whether she had come to the kingdom **for such a time as that.** We must know that nothing happens outside the knowledge and plans of God. It is of no doubt that Esther was raised to the position to bring deliverance to the Jews. **Esther 4:14 KJV** For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? God raises men for purposes best known to Him, He knows us all, He formed us and uses us according to the pleasure of His will, there is a reason to which everyone was created that is what is known as purpose.

It is painful that many do not know the purpose to which God created them because they do not even know Him. _*A man who do not know God can never fulfill divine purpose.*_ Though he might look successful yet such success is no success when it is not in line with God's will. God in His supremacy and sovereignty chooses whatever He wishes to do with any man, He said of Pharaoh that for that purpose He created him. **Romans 9:17 KJV** For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Pharaoh came into kingdom for such a time as that and the purpose was fulfilled. For those who already know God there is a reason why you have come into God's family which is Christ's Kingdom at this point in time. Joseph became Egypt's prime minister for a reason. **Genesis 45:7-8 KJV** And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. **[8]** so now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Joseph recognised the purpose of his existence because he knew God and was working in accordance to divine plans and will. You fulfilling destiny is tied to the mission God has sent you to accomplish in life once you don't accomplish that mission you are out of purpose.

God does not raise men up in other to make them use that opportunity for their own selfish and personal interest; until a man gets to the stage of understanding this he may not be taken to the level of destiny fulfillment. For every time, season and generation, God releases men who would be in control in accordance to His purpose and plans that is why one must try as much as possible to know what he has been destined to become in life by God. Mordecai told Esther **who knows whether you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this** in the same way who knows if you were born into that your family for such a difficult time as this? who knows if you have gotten that job for such a time as this to minister to souls and correct the ungodliness there? who knows if you have been given that position, title and so much reverence for such a time as this to influence others positively? when the purpose of a thing is not known abuse is inevitable, many of those who misuse opportunities given to them by God do not know the purpose to which God gave them such opportunities. Some are the only saved ones in their family, yet they do not know why it is so, it's possible that it's for them to

intercede and win the rest to Christ but they are doing nothing about it. There is a reason why God has made it happen that you are currently at where you are located now and for that purpose to be accomplished you must determine to take risks, learning to say if you perish you perish, putting total trust in The Lord Jesus Christ. When God places a mandates upon a man and he refuses to carry it out it can be disastrous, it is said that Mordecai told Esther that if she refuses to rise up to the task, God will raise help from another place and punish her and her father's household.

Esther 4:14 KJV For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? The fact of the matter is that why many people are facing serious problems is because they have neglected their purpose in life, one has to pray to God to reveal what He has destined one to be in life, drawing near to God will certainly place ones feet on the path of destiny fulfillment. Many parents are the cause of their children's misfortune in life, they made them go into careers alien to their purposes in life, imagine God destines a man to be a great deliverance minister of the Gospel already having a territory which he must deliver as marked out in his destiny even before his birth, just like Jeremiah who had been ordained a prophet from birth. **Jeremiah 1:5 KJV** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then such a person is being forced to become a lawyer, how would that territory be liberated? He may be successful in that career, but until he goes back to do as it was written concerning him, he will live a wasted life. The Lord Jesus Christ destiny was to die to save us from our sins, what if He decided to be a tent maker and remained so not walking in alignment to what God had planned for Him. Where would we find ourselves today? We will not even be gathered here today because why we are here is because of Him. There two hindrances to fulfilling purpose in life.

1. Hindrance from self

2. Hindrance from others

1. **Hindrance from self:** The major reason why a man is not walking according to purpose is caused by himself, because of ignorance. Apostle Paul was initially ignorant of his purpose so he was working against it by himself**. 1 Timothy 1:13 KJV** Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. The party he was supposed to be supporting was the one he was kicking against. But God's grace found him. Some hinder themselves by themselves through laziness, they know what God has destined them to be in life but they are too lazy to pursue their purpose. They prefer comfortable lives and sleep too much, even when little sleep can cause problem. **Proverbs 24:33-34 KJV** *Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: **[34**] So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man. All many see in pursuing their purpose is impossibilities, they never see it possible, such people are great hindrance to themselves. When the scriptures says in **Philippians 4:13 KJV** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. they lack faith in God, so they become useless when such times in which they should be of great help arises. What other areas do man pose as hindrance to themselves in destiny fulfillment which has not been mentioned, let others learn from you.

2. **Hindrance from others**: This is the most common stoppage to purpose in life, _don't let those who were not there when you received the revelation of your purpose talk you out of it._ it is certain that the devil will raise people to make you think what you are doing is irrelevant or useless and those who listen to people and are always moved by what people say about them may not be able to fullfil purpose because they will listen to every voice and will finally get confused. Their lives will be ruled by people's opinions which will make them be tossed here and there. I have come to realise that those who finally fulfil purpose in life and are celebrated are those who did not give up despite all kinds of discouraging words spoken against them, and many who do not believe in their vision. But they held onto what they had received from God and kept moving. Those who tried to stop them are now the ones who will later announce their success and celebrate it. Elymas withstood Paul from doing what he was sent to do in the life of the deputy at such a time as that, but Paul did not allow him hinder his purpose. **Acts 13:6-8 KJV** And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus:

[7] Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. **[8]** But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

Now, have you discovered your God ordained purpose? I kept applying for military school until I knew my God ordained purpose. You have to know yours too if you have not, and if you have, you need to start walking in accordance to it. Who knows if you have been spared by God for such a time like this, to handle the finance aspect of your country, who knows if you are still alive for such a time like this to take the gospel of Christ to another level? Before Esther could take up one of the major tasks for her being placed in such position she went into prayer and fasting and also told others to join her. Spiritual preparation is needed when it comes to fulfilling God's ordained purpose in life. As such we must draw closer to God by always reflecting on His word, when we get to know Him more and better then our lives gets better. May we be useful at the times which The Lord has stated to showcase our relevance in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

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