

Ultimate Humbling of Haman

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Haman recounts all his glory, riches and apparent favor w/ King Ahasuerus. But edict king signed for destruction of Jews doesn't satisfy—Mordecai doesn't bow or acknowledge him. **Stalker kills one obsessed w/**. Wife & friends build 75' gallows in front yard in morning--ask king hang M on it. Then H joyfully go banquet w/ king & queen. ***Pr 26:27 If you set a trap for others, you will get caught in it yourself. If you roll a boulder down on others, it will crush you instead.*** **NLT** Haman is about to be caught his own trap & crushed

1 During that night the king could not sleep so he gave an order to bring the book of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. 2 And it was found written what Mordecai had reported concerning Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who were doorkeepers, that they had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. 3 And the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

Ps 127:2 God grants sleep to those He loves... But other times if can't sleep, Ahasuerus divine insomnia—If **you night light read word**—Other times Saul & troops divine coma kind of sleep ***1Sam 26:12 the LORD had put them into a deep sleep.*** Providence of God—foresight, to see beforehand—action of God to protect & do His will yet unseen by others until after.

Delayed reward **providence**, deferred honor for God's purposes. Mordecai likely wondered...I've wondered—**Raul, Jeff, Haleiwa theater—later Empress---CCH**—For humbling--Refocus on fellowship w/ God.

Ahasuerus calls for journals **providence** not musicians as Saul w/ David to calm his demonically agitated mind. Read of Mordecai **providence** You opened & read exactly what you needed or were going thru? ***Nothing done for him...***

Notice: **what honor or dignity** not what gifts or amount of money?

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MH High spirits take a pride in being careless and unconcerned about those that are below them 7 ignorant of their state. The great God takes recognition of the lowest of his servants, knows what dignity is done them and what disgrace. In our world the loud talker not soft spoken get attention
Pr 29:23 mans pride shall bring him low but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit

4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace in order to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for him. Devils sleepless servant-Haman

Pr 4:14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not proceed in the way of evil men. 15Avoid it, do not pass by it; Turn away from it and pass on. 16For they cannot sleep unless they do evil; And they are robbed of sleep unless they make someone stumble. 17For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence. 18But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, That shines brighter and brighter until the full day. 19The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know over what they stumble

Proverb a contrast between Mordecai & Haman w/ the Lord's providence ruling---Haman up early to the court of the king to request hanging Mordecai on gallows he had built in his front yard. God puts in heart of king to honor Mordecai. *Delays & waiting often bring greatest rewards.*

4 So the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace in order to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for him. 5And the king's servants said to him, "Behold, Haman is standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in."

Haman eager to approach the king before anyone else to petition the hanging of Mordecai thinking it would heal the disease of jealousy in his heart & get even w/ Mordecai's lack of cowering before him.

All sicknesses of the soul can only be cured by recognizing it's you not them & bringing it before God in repentance--seeking forgiveness. **Rom 12:3**
For thru the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. To know the deceitfulness of our own hearts

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MH We should suspect that the esteem which others profess for us is not so great as it seems to be or as we are sometimes willing to believe it is, that we may not think too well of ourselves nor place too much confidence in others.

6 So Haman came in and the king said to him, "What is to be done for the man whom the king desires to honor?" And Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?" 7 Then Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king desires to honor, 8 let them bring a royal robe which the king has worn, and the horse on which the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown has been placed; 9 and let the robe and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble princes and let them array the man whom the king desires to honor and lead him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, 'Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor.'"

Haman w/ his pride thinks the king is talking about him but his presumption will be his humbling. *By presumption comes nothing but strife.* Haman is striving w/ his own ego. Parade this man in the pomp & grandeur like the king himself. Ride in state, proclaim king's favor, preference above all others.

10 Then the king said to Haman, "Take quickly the robes and the horse as you have said, and do so for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the king's gate; do not fall short in anything of all that you have said." 11 So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor."

Shocking, Horrifying, confusing—Haman thought 'thou art the man' honor will be mine but instead to his hatred it's his sworn enemy. A problem; what about the gallows why have you built those? Can't say anything against Mordecai....your sin shall find you out. ***Pr 19:12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion.....***

Haman forces counterfeit respect to Mordecai and M tolerates Haman's phony appearance of honor toward him by leading the way & making the king's declaration. Still unknown if Esther prevailed upon the king.

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12Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried home, mourning, with his head covered. 13And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish origin, you will not overcome him, but will surely fall before him." 14While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hastily brought Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

M not puffed up w/ the honors & goes back to his place at the gate. ***A man is tested by the praise accorded him...Pr 27:21***

Mourning head coved as if death in family and this by a humbling before M and citizens--yet second best "one of *king's most noble princes*" to M riding on the king's horse....Wife & wise friends counsel '*your toast*' ---not counsel to seek Lord, repent, be contrite only *woe are you*...M your begun to fall, jealous, envy and pride now humbled & M a Jew, you cooked up scheme to destroy Jews you will not win but fall before him.

Timing Haman in a panic goes to banquet not knowing what's to come, maybe suspicious but definitely paranoid. Maybe M will be there?

7:1 Now the king and Haman came to drink wine with Esther the queen. 2And the king said to Esther on the second day also as they drank their wine at the banquet, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done." 3Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request; 4for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king." 5Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do thus?"

Heart attack time for Haman, realizing Esther is Jewish and knowing the anger of a king is like the roaring of a lion & messengers of death--Haman is a dead man. *We have been sold* to gratify pride and revenge of one man. As Satan filled heart of Judas so w/ Haman.

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6 And Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!” Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen. 7 And the king arose in his anger from drinking wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

Walk in the garden to compose himself & digest all he invested in Haman was for nothing....a royal deceiver & betrayer. And Haman enticed Ahaserus to sign edict w/o A finding out if all was true. A acted recklessly and regrets his folly.

*8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, “Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?” As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face. 9Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, “Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman’s house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!” And the king said, “Hang him on it.” 10So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king’s anger subsided. **Wrath pacified***

Eccl 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.