



The Golden Scepter

Esther 5 (pg. 413)

Whether you face triumph or disaster, be a wise person who trusts God,
not a fool acting in selfish pride with no thought for God.

1. Esther is granted a wish (1-8)

2. Haman follows his heart (9-14)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
3. In chapter 5, things go very well for Esther and very badly for Mordecai. Haman is eagerly looking forward to the events of the next day. Read James 4:13-16. How might this godly counsel from James be applied to Haman and his attitude toward life?
4. As Esther steps up to rescue her people, she puts herself at great risk, while Mordecai enrages Haman and ends up in mortal danger. On the other hand, Haman goes further and further down a path of seeking to destroy Mordecai and the Jews, with a high level of confidence and determination. All three face some degree of risk, but what are the key differences between what motivates them and where they put their trust?
5. What has the Holy Spirit convicted you of in this sermon?
6. How were you encouraged by this passage?