

God, Unseen but Present

The Book of Esther

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Part 5: “When God Turns the Tables”

Question: How do you feel when bad people are rewarded while good people go unnoticed? Is that feeling biblical?



The crisis in Esther Chapter 6 reaches a dramatic turning point. Haman has built a pole to execute Mordecai, but during the night the king cannot sleep. He orders the royal records to be read and discovers that Mordecai was never rewarded for exposing an assassination plot. At the very moment Haman arrives to request Mordecai's

death, the king asks Haman how to honor a man the king delights in. Assuming the honor is for himself, Haman describes a lavish public celebration—only to learn he must give it all to Mordecai. God's unseen hand begins reversing everything.

READ ESTHER CHAPTER 6

Section	Description	Verses	Key Details
I	The King cannot sleep	6:1	A sleepless night becomes the turning point in the story.
II	The forgotten deed remembered	6:2–3	Mordecai's earlier loyalty is discovered in the royal records.
III	Haman arrives with evil intent	6:4–5	Haman comes to request Mordecai's execution.
IV	How should a man be honored?	6:6–9	Haman assumes the honor is meant for himself. Pride blinds him.

V	Mordecai is honored	6:10–11	Haman must publicly honor the man he hates.
VI	Haman humbled	6:12–13	Haman returns home humiliated; even his advisors sense doom.
VII	Hurried to Esther's banquet	6:14	Haman is rushed to the next banquet, unaware judgment is near.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what way did God “turn the table” in this chapter?
2. What events in Chapter 6 seem to suggest God working in the background?
3. How would Haman’s prideful actions have changed if he had practiced the principles found in Philippians 2:3-4?
4. What are some warning signs that you may be experiencing a kind of “Haman’s Pride”?

SUMMARY

Esther Chapter 6 reminds us that God is never absent, even when He seems silent. A sleepless night, an old record book, and a perfectly timed interruption become tools of divine reversal. God can overturn evil, humble pride, and honor faithfulness at exactly the right time.

APPLICATION

- **Trust God's** _____. What looks forgotten may simply be waiting for the right moment. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)
- **Stay faithful when** _____. Mordecai's reward was delayed, not denied. (Galatians 6:9)
- **Reject** _____. Haman's downfall began in his heart before it happened in public. (James 4:6)