



Esther 6:1

On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

Esther 6:2-3

² And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. ³ And the king said, "What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" The king's young men who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

A Heavenly Reminder

- A reminder of _____

- What was done for the man who saved the king?
- Nothing!!

Esther 6:4

⁴ And the king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

Haman In the Court

Why is Haman in the court so early?

- He was _____
by the actions of Mordecai
- He was _____
to go to the king
- He thought it would be a mere _____
to get the king's blessing

Esther 6:5-9

⁵ And the king's young men told him, "Haman is there, standing in the court." And the king said, "Let him come in." ⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said to him, "What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" And Haman said to himself, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?" ⁷ And Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸ let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. ⁹ And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.' "

The Way to Honor

Haman's Vanity

- Haman could think of no one more worthy of honor than _____
- Everything Haman suggests to the king is what Haman desired for _____
- Haman wanted to be _____

How do you think Haman felt as he describes what should be done to the one whom the king delighted? _____

The King's Robe and Horse

- Wearing the king's robe...
- Riding the king's horse...

A way to identify with the king

- "Put on..."

Esther 6:10

¹⁰ Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned."

The Great Reversal

The king's response to Haman's suggestion:

- _____
- Take the _____
- "Do so to..."

Mordecai the Jew

- A _____ man (The decree against the Jews)
- About to _____ on a _____ (tree)
- Instead, honored by _____
 - Royal robes
 - Riding the king's horse

Esther 6:11

¹¹ So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor."

"Thus Shall It Be Done..."

- Haman is forced to _____ the very man that _____ to honor him
- Haman leads the _____ carrying a man wearing _____

_____, a man whom Haman _____

Esther 6:12

¹² Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered.

The Response

Mordecai

- Goes back to the king's gate, back _____

Haman

- Goes home _____
- _____ his face
- _____ the royal banquet

Esther 6:13

¹³ And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him."

Haman's Advisors

Chapter 5

- Ask to _____, then go to the banquet

Chapter 6

- "You will surely _____"

Final Thoughts

- Mordecai goes from dejection and mourning to being honored
- The events in the Book of Esther, and specifically in Chapter 6, "scream of someone behind the scenes" (Timothy Cain)