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Part 3: Doing Right

Esther 4:14 (ESV)- "...relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews..."

REVIEW

The King's Problem: *A wrong view of women, marriage, and right.*

God's Providence: *God is at work when he appears distant. God is at work when things are difficult.*

Timeline: King dismisses Vashti (3rd year), Esther made queen (7th year), Eunuchs' Plot (7th year), Haman's Plot (12th year)

Notes: _____

1. OFTEN OVERLOOKED

Esther 2:21-23 (ESV)- two of the king's eunuchs...became angry and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus...and Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai....And it was recorded in the book of the chronicles in the presence of the king.

The example to do right regardless of recognition.

2. OFTEN LONELY

Esther 3:2 (ESV)- And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down...

The example to do right regardless of support.

3. OFTEN PRESSURED

Esther 3:3 (ESV)- Then the king's servants...said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command? And when they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them.

The example to do right regardless of pressure.

4. OFTEN TESTED

Esther 3:4 (ESV)-they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew.

The example to do right regardless of audience.

5. OFTEN OPPOSED

Esther 3:4 (ESV)- And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury.

The example to do right regardless of opposition.

6. OFTEN DIFFICULT

Esther 3:13, 4:1 (ESV)- Letters were sent...with instruction to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews,...in one day...Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry.

The example to do right regardless of consequence.

Here Is The Point: God's providence is always at work when we do right!