

# WOMEN'S STUDY IN ESTHER

## Lesson 8 Chapter 7

As you read through Esther and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law".  
Psalm 119:18

**Assignment:** In the next week read through Esther, especially chapter 7. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions. Don't worry if you cannot find all the answers. We will discuss them next week.

**Questions:**

- 1) Summarize chapter by chapter what has happened in Esther so far.
  
- 2) During the second banquet what did the king ask Esther? What did he promise (7:1-2)?
  
- 3) How long did Esther wait to make her request and in what manner did she do so (1-3)?
  
- 4) What was Esther's request and what did that reveal about her identity (3)?
  
- 5) As Esther patiently brought forth her request in a respectful manner, was she bold and courageous? How could she do so? Remember 4:15-17.
  
- 6) Explain from the following why Esther made her request:
  - A. From the earlier portions of Esther
  
  - B. From her explanation to the king (7:4a)
  
- 7) What did she say she would have remained silent about if that was the case (4b)?
  
- 8) What question did the king ask in response (5)? How do you think Prov. 31:4-5 applies?
  
- 9) What was Esther's answer to the king's questions?

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- 10) What can we learn from Esther's directly naming the man who was guilty and that she invited him to the banquet and then accused him to his face?
- 11) From the following how can we be courageous in what God calls us to do and say, especially in difficult situations?
  - A. Joshua 1:7-9
  - B. Psalm 27:14
  - C. Psalm 31:24
  - D. Haggai 2:4
  - E. John 16:33
  - D. Acts 4:23-31 (esp. 29, 31), Eph. 6:18-20
- 12) Will cowards be in heaven (See Rev. 21:8)?
- 13) What was Haman's initial response to Esther's accusation (6b)?
- 14) What did the king do after hearing Esther's response? What did Haman then do (7)?
- 15) When the king returned, what did he see? What did he think was happening and thus say? What then happened to Haman (8)?
- 16) What did Harbonah say specifically to the king and what did the king say in response (9)?
- 17) What happened to Haman and how does the inspired author describe it (10)? What is the significance of this? What is ironic about this outcome?
- 18) In the midst possible annihilation of the Jews and death for Queen Esther, she was prayerful, wise, patient and courageous. In what area(s) is the Lord calling you to be prayerfully bold and courageous? Think of your answer in light of Esther's actions and questions 11 and 12 above. Whether great or small, has God sovereignly put you in a place for "such a time is this"?