



Title | When Victims Become Victors
Series | IN SPITE OF MYSELF
Text | Esther 9:1-32
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Sermon Notes

Esther 9:1 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them. **2** The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen on all peoples. **3** All the officials of the provinces and the satraps and the governors and the royal agents also helped the Jews, for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them. **4** For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces, for the man Mordecai grew more and more powerful. **5** The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them. **6** In Susa the citadel itself the Jews killed and destroyed 500 men, **7** and also killed Parshandatha and Dalphon and Aspatha **8** and Poratha and Adalia and Aridatha **9** and Parmashta and Arisai and Aridai and Vaizatha, **10** the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, but they laid no hand on the plunder. **11** That very day the number of those killed in Susa the citadel was reported to the king. **12** And the king said to Queen Esther, "In Susa the citadel the Jews have killed and destroyed 500 men and also the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what further is your request? It shall be fulfilled." **13** And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the Jews who are in Susa be allowed tomorrow also to do according to this day's edict. And let the ten sons of Haman be hanged on the gallows."... *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- Can you recall a time when the tables were turned in your favor such that you had an opportunity to avenge a wrong that had been done to you, even in a small way? What did you do? How did you feel?

Tuesday:

- Read Esther 9. In verses 10, 15, and 16 it is said that the Jews “laid no hand(s) on the plunder.” And yet, according to Esther 8:11, plundering was permissible. Why does the narrator emphasize this point?

Wednesday:

- Read Romans 12:19-21. How is this related to the Jews in Esther 9 who “laid no hand(s) on the plunder.” Specifically, how can you apply this to your life?

Thursday:

- Read Esther 9:12-13. What is Esther requesting? Is this a good request? Why or why not? Esther makes no mention of the welfare of her people in her request, nor does she consult Mordecai. What can we learn from this?

Friday:

- As believers in Jesus Christ, specifically how should we respond to a reversal of fortune that presents us with an opportunity for revenge? (See Matthew 5:44.)

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