



MISSION CITY BIBLE CHURCH

Date: Sunday, June 18, 2023

Title: Esther: Dependence with Humility vs Independence with Pride

Series: Esther

Passage: Esther 5:1-14

Humility: The feeling or attitude that you have no special importance that makes you better than others; lack of pride.

1. Dependence with _____ (5:1-8)
 - i. _____ you to be in the King's presence (5:1)
 - ii. _____ to the control of the King (5:2-5a)
 - iii. _____ pleasure to serve the King (5:5b-8)

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2Cor 5:21

"Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16

"Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matt 20:28

"Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" Ps 100:2

Pride: Refers to an unwarranted attitude of confidence; an unhealthy elevated view of one's self, abilities, or possessions.

2. Independence with _____ (5:9-14)
 - i. _____ you to judge others (5:9)
 - ii. _____ of your own control (5:10-12)
 - iii. _____ out vengeance on others (5:13-14)

"There was never an angry man that thought his anger unjust."

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37

"For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and

renounces the LORD. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are,
“There is no God.” Ps 10:3-4

“Humility is not a mere ornament of a Christian, but an essential part of the new creature. It is a contradiction to be a sanctified man, or a true Christian, and not humble.”
Richard Baxter



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Esther 5:1-14 and the two descriptions below of humility and pride.

Humility: the feeling or attitude that you have no special importance that makes you better than others; lack of pride.

Pride: an unwarranted attitude of confidence; an unhealthy elevated view of self, abilities, or possessions.

- i. In what areas of your life are you acting in humility?
 - ii. In what areas of your life are you acting in pride?
2. In reviewing your life would you describe yourself to be dependent or independent? Dependent on what/whom? Independent from what/whom?
 3. Read Esther 5:1, 1 Peter 2:9, and 2 Corinthians 5:21. What do you learn about royalty and how is it that you are considered royalty? What does this royalty give you?
 4. Read Esther 5:2-5a and Hebrews 4:14-16. How did Esther approach the King? How is it that we can approach God?
 5. Read Esther 5:5b-8, Matthew 20:28, Psalm 100:2. What do you learn about Esther's motives in serving the king? How does Jesus serve? How do you serve God through the local church?
 6. Read Esther 5:9 and Luke 6:37. What do you observe about Haman's prideful attitude? What does Jesus have to say about acting in this way?

7. Read Esther 5:10-12 and Psalm 10:3-4. What do you observe from these two passages? What is the problem with Haman's boasting? Do you find yourself boasting about your own accomplishments?

8. Read Esther 5:13-14, What do you learn about Haman and his motives to kill Mordecai?

9. Who is it that you have a grudge with, that has wronged you, and you desire to have revenge on? How can you pray for that person? What do you need to confess to God regarding your attitude toward them? How can your small group help you?