

# Esther 1

## Wednesday, April 4 2018

### Book of Remembrance

It is about Him, not about us.  
It is His time, not ours.  
It is never our time, it is always His time!  
It will always be His time.

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We did not finish soaking.  
And without that soaking, the next phase — because there are several phases in the progression — will not happen, or it will be a disaster because it requires the progression.

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Remember, Esther is about becoming a Bride to the King.  
To please the King in the manner of Esther, let us put on something He will like, something that will please Him.  
Let's ask her. "Esther, what should we wear to catch the eye and heart of the king?"  
She might say, "Let us lay aside the robes of self-righteousness and put on the garments of a broken and contrite heart."  
And so I am calling for you to please, let's go back into soaking for a while.  
Let's go back into our hearts being not about ourselves or what is going on in the ministry.  
Let's really find the Lord!

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Ahasuerus reigned over all those provinces and could not reign over his own wife, Vashti.  
The one that was supposed to be right there with Him, He did not reign over her.

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One year for one night that could change your life and relationship with Jesus forever.  
Would it be worth it?

If you go 11 months and quit before the time allotted, you did not get your night with  
the King, did you?

That was the goal!

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Questions for you:

- Are you ready to seek His presence? Can Hegai draw your heart out, away from everyone else, but to be like Esther and make your focus the Him, not what is going on around you?
- Have you soaked to such a degree that you are spiritually at one of the best places you have ever been? Have you soaked so well that you are at one of the best places you have ever been for His sake, for what pleases Him?
- Do you right now have a genuine hunger and burning desire for more of God? Maybe you do not right now. But the whole purpose for getting together is not to have another class! For God's sake, No!

If I had my way, every class that I ever taught again would be saying at steps all along the way, "Where are you in that truth?" Of whatever was just said... to make us face it.

This would be a waste if we just do the same thing as before.

- Will you act and worship more like Blind Bartimaeus, desperately crying out to Jesus from a dusty ditch, rather than like the proud praying Pharisee, praying on the steps of the temple?

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Jesus is our eyes! The Lamb is the one with all the eyes!

As long as we say we know, then we are deceiving ourselves.

Blind Bartimaeus... I am trying to capture what was inside of him...

Because he couldn't see, and then he could see.

And the first thing he saw was Jesus.

Blind Bartimaeus was loud and desperate, and the disciples again tried to hush him up.

And Jesus says, “No. The thing you are rejecting, (like you reject) Mary of Bethany, I am open to that! I would rather have that (loud crying out) than this.

I was thinking about a genuine hunger and thirsting, and I wrote the Scripture from Psalms: “As the deer pants for the water brooks.”

I guess I never really thought about that panting... “I gotta have that!”

“So pants my soul” – It is possible to get to that place, where we are panting after the Lord.

“My soul pants for Thee.”

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

...and not for teaching or more facts, but for Jesus, for Jesus' sake!

A satisfied soul sips.

A desperate soul gulps.

If we are in that place or approaching that place, every drop is going to be like heaven.

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We all need to be at Bethlehem, where Jesus comes out of us.

But in Bethlehem was an inn, where they would not allow Him.

And in us, there are places.

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We need to stop listening to ourselves and start talking to ourselves.

And sometimes that talking is really the Holy Spirit.

But we need to be talked to.

There is a way to form our life in such a manner that we are catching ourselves.

It can become second nature to us.

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Most may have soaked, but there was a special menu that Hegai gave to Esther that made a difference.

Many have totally forgotten what was on the menu these past several years – meaning, that these things were what we were supposed to be living off of — the great harvest... we are supposed to be eating of this!

We are not just talking about it and remembering it. We are eating it, and it is keeping us alive through the years that He is not giving us other stuff right now because He is wanting this to be what it is about.

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What do you give to a King that has everything? Your heart! Let's give Him our heart, ok? Let's give Him our heart.