

HAMAN THE UNHAPPY! ESTHER 5:9-14

Esther 5 gives us a short glimpse behind the monster – for an instant & for our instruction!

Why was Haman so unhappy?

1. Haman was a man controlled by his emotions!

Esther 5:9 Then went Haman forth that day **joyful and with a glad heart**: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, **he was full of indignation** against Mordecai.

Thoughts:

- We all have emotions
- Emotions are good and normal
- We all have **many kinds** of emotions – a **spectrum** of emotions
- The problems begin when they **control** us!
- The problems continue when **mood swings** dominate us!

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, **temperance** (ἐγκρατείας), and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Galatians 5:23 Meekness, **temperance** (ἐγκράτεια): against such there is no law.

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge **temperance** (τὴν ἐγκράτειαν); and to **temperance** (τῇ ἐγκρατεία) patience; and to patience godliness; 2 Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Peter 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is **temperate** (ἐγκρατεύεται) in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

Titus 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, **temperate** (ἐγκρατῆ);

2. Haman was a man controlled by others / other people!

Esther 5:9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: **but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.**

We are all social

God created us that way

That isn't always good if &/ when someone(s) controls us!

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves**, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

3. Haman was a man controlled by what he didn't have!

Esther 5:10 Nevertheless Haman **refrained himself**: and when he **came home**, he **sent** and **called** for his friends, and Zeresh his wife.

Esther 5:11 And Haman told them of **the glory of his riches**, and **the multitude of his children**, and **all the things wherein the king had promoted him**, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants

of the king. **Esther 5:12** Haman said **moreover**, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared **but** myself; **and** to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king.

Esther 5:13 **Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.**

Thoughts:

- For a moment we see Haman's humanity
- Restrained himself
- Went home
- Called his wife & friends
- Then he began to "rejoice"
- Glory of his riches
- Multitude of his children
- King's promotions
- Advanced above...
- Invited to a feast
- Exclusive feast for three
- Plus another exclusive feast tomorrow!

Psalm 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. **Psalm 103:2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits: **Psalm 103:3** Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; **Psalm 103:4** Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; **Psalm 103:5** Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

"Count your many blessings, name them one by one!"

- **Yet all this availeth me nothing!!!**

All or nothing → if it is all or nothing it will always be nothing!

If it is what we don't have – there is always something we don't have!

Happiness is always just out of reach!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

Psalm 103:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. **Psalm 103:2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits:

4. Haman was a man controlled by...getting even? Justice? Getting what he deserves? Revenge?

Esther 5:13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. **Esther 5:14** **Then** said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

So someone has done something to you

1 Samuel 24:22 And David sware unto Saul. And **Saul** went home; but **David** and his men gat them up unto the hold.

1 Samuel 26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So **David** went on his way, and **Saul** returned to his place.