	B.	Esther Requests A	Banquet		
	C.	Haman's Pride			
		HE HATED MORDEC	AI		
		HE BRAGS TO FRIEN	DS		
		unto him: 17 A proud look innocent blood, 18 An hea that be swift in running t	LORD hate: Yea, seven are an abomination c, a lying tongue, And hands that shed rt that deviseth wicked imaginations, Feet o mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh iscord among brethren." (Proverbs 6:16-19)		
		HE PLANS TO KILL MORDECAI			
		"He that is slow to wrath is hasty of spirit exalteth fol	of great understanding: but he that is ly."(Proverbs 14:29)		
3.	G	OD'S	FOR THE PEOPLE (v. 6:1-14		
	A.	The King's			
		THE KING'S REQUEST FOR READING			
		THE KING'S DISCOVI	ERY OF A WRONG		
			s to forget your work and labour of love, ard his name, in that ye have ministered to r. (Hebrews 6:10)		
	В.	The King's			
	C.	Haman's			
			ou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the t bring them down."(2 Samuel 22:28)		
		"Pride goeth before destruc (Proverbs 16:18)	tion, and an haughty spirit before a fall."		
CO	NC	CLUSION:			





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Title: The Favor of God

Text: Esther 5:1-12

"Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. 2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. 4 And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. 5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. 6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. 7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is; 8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said. 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. 10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. 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. 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 5:1-12)

	INTRODUCTION						
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1.	ES	STHER'S OF THE KING (v. 1-5		
	A.			
		"Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. 17 S Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him." (Esther 4:16–17)		
		"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord." (Proverbs 16:1)		
		"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." (Proverbs 16:3)		
	В.			
		A ROYAL DRESS		
		A CALM DEMEANOR		
		FOUR REASONS ESTHER COULD BE CALM		
		1) The Jews had been fasting and praying for three days, asking God to intervene and save them from annihilation.		
		2) She knew that God had covenanted with the Jews to deal with their enemies.		
		3) She also knew that the God of Israel was a forgiving God.		
		4) God had allowed a remnant of Jews to return to their land and rebuild the temple.		
	C.			
		OBTAINED FAVOR		
		"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." (Proverbs 21:1)		
		OFFERED INVITATION		
2.	ES	STHER'S REGARDING		
	H	AMAN (v. 4-14)		
	A.	Esther Requests Haman to A		