"VICTORY AND REMEMBRANCE" - ESTHER 9 & 10



1: THE REVERSAL - NO SITUATION IS BEYOND GOD'S REACH - ROMANS 15:4; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18



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.



OUR UNITY IS KEY TO EXPERIENCING VICTORY OVER OUR ENEMY (SATAN)



ESTHER 9:2, 16

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.HER.



ESTHER 9:2, 16

16 NOW THE REST OF THE JEWS WHO WERE IN THE KING'S PROVINCES ALSO GATHERED TO DEFEND THEIR LIVES, AND GOT RELIEF FROM THEIR ENEMIES AND KILLED 75,000 OF THOSE WHO HATED THEM, BUT THEY LAID NO HANDS ON THE PLUNDER.



2: THE REJOICING - THE LORD CAN TURN OUR MOURNING INTO DANCING



ESTHER 9:17-19

17 THIS WAS ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH OF ADAR, AND ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY THEY RESTED AND MADE THAT A DAY OF FEASTING AND GLADNESS. 18 BUT THE JEWS WHO WERE IN SUSA GATHERED ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY AND ON THE FOURTEENTH, AND RESTED ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY, MAKING THAT A DAY OF FEASTING AND GLADNESS



ESTHER 9:17-19

19 THEREFORE THE JEWS OF THE VILLAGES, WHO LIVE IN THE RURAL TOWNS, HOLD THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE MONTH OF ADAR AS A DAY FOR GLADNESS AND FEASTING, AS A HOLIDAY, AND AS A DAY ON WHICH THEY SEND GIFTS OF FOOD TO ONE ANOTHER.



3: THE REMEMBRANCE - WE NEED TO REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS



ESTHER 9:23-28

23 SO THE JEWS ACCEPTED WHAT THEY HAD STARTED TO DO, AND WHAT MORDECAI HAD WRITTEN TO THEM. 24 FOR HAMAN THE AGAGITE, THE SON OF HAMMEDATHA, THE ENEMY OF ALL THE JEWS, HAD PLOTTED AGAINST THE JEWS TO DESTROY THEM, AND HAD CAST PUR (THAT IS, CAST LOTS), TO CRUSH AND TO DESTROY THEM.



25 BUT WHEN IT CAME BEFORE THE KING, HE GAVE ORDERS IN WRITING THAT HIS EVIL PLAN THAT HE HAD DEVISED AGAINST THE JEWS SHOULD RETURN ON HIS OWN HEAD, AND THAT HE AND HIS SONS SHOULD BE HANGED ON THE GALLOWS. 26 THEREFORE THEY CALLED THESE DAYS PURIM, AFTER THE TERM PUR. THEREFORE, BECAUSE OF ALL THAT WAS WRITTEN IN THIS LETTER, AND OF WHAT THEY HAD FACED IN THIS MATTER, AND OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM,



27 THE JEWS FIRMLY OBLIGATED THEMSELVES AND THEIR OFFSPRING AND ALL WHO JOINED THEM, THAT WITHOUT FAIL THEY WOULD KEEP THESE TWO DAYS ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS WRITTEN AND AT THE TIME APPOINTED EVERY YEAR,



28 THAT THESE DAYS SHOULD BE REMEMBERED AND KEPT THROUGHOUT EVERY GENERATION, IN EVERY CLAN, PROVINCE, AND CITY, AND THAT THESE DAYS OF PURIM SHOULD NEVER FALL INTO DISUSE AMONG THE JEWS, NOR SHOULD THE COMMEMORATION OF THESE DAYS CEASE AMONG THEIR DESCENDANTS.



THE IMPORTANCE OF REMEMBERING WHAT GOD HAS DONE - DEUTERONOMY 4:7-9; 8:1-2



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