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the sister
of Mordecai
Haman
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just biding time but I think she was setting things up in a deliberate way in order to assure the compliance and reaction of the king. Remember: her Jewishness is not known to either of the attendees. But note that things are not done in haste even though there might have been great cause for anxiety and stress. Well, we will continue tomorrow, as the Lord allows, and in the meantime, may you know the joy of the Lord and the blessing of God on the daily pathway.

MESSAGE # 10: Haman's Provocation Esther 5:9-14

I. Introduction:

Hello and welcome to the series of Bible studies in the Book of Esther. We are glad you have taken the opportunity to be with us today as we continue to see how the Lord has worked in the interest of His own people through time. Esther abounds in practical lessons and we will say more about them in time. For the moment we have been working through the book and come today to Esther 5:9-14, a short passage of Scripture but a key portion in this book as it shows how the pattern of God's moves to overcome the evil intents of those who oppose Him.

II. Discussion:

- 5:9...Previous to the action of this verse was the first of Esther's banquets when she invited the king and Haman to return for a second banquet...at which time she told the king she would let him know what was on her mind. You will remember that neither the king nor Haman know she is Jewish and Haman, with a super ego, is delighted that the queen wants to see him for another feast.. He is going home with a glad heart but he encounters Mordecai, the Jew who will not give him reverence and his happy thoughts are suddenly ruined and he is full of anger.
- 5:10...At home he calls for his friends and his wife to inform them of the great things that have happened this day.
- 5:11...He boasts openly of his riches, his family, his promotion by the king and his advancement over the other princes in the territories.
- 5:12...He basks in the light of the fact of the queen's invitation for this day and for the next. Without going into detail you should be able to see many of the weaknesses of the flesh and we ought to go to Ephesians 4 to get a