category of fleshly things in which we should not indulge in order that the new man may be clearly seen

5:13...and then Haman thinks of Mordecai and he opines that all the good things that have happened to him are as nothing as long as Mordecai, the disrespectful Jew, sits in the king's gate.

5:14...So his wife and friends suggest he have a giant gallows built and have the king hang Mordecai on it the next day before the luncheon. The idea pleases Haman greatly and he immediately gave orders for the gallows to\ be made. Some have wondered how it could have been done so quickly... and I suppose the best answer is that this gallows was not the architectural work of a great architect but a quick job by workmen who had rapid access to the right material...and probably had lots of experience in this very sort of thing. At any rate it is done.

III. Conclusion:

There are times when it appears that everything is working out for the enemy of truth. But we should not be quick to make such observations or take such pessimistic attitudes. Remember that God takes the wise in their own wisdom often uses the pit one digs for another as a place of destruction for the evil. So we will see how it comes out and will learn a big lesson about the working of the Lord in our world.

MESSAGE # 11: Events in the Life of Mordecai: Esther 6:1-14

I. Introduction

Welcome to another study in Esther...the Old Testament book that shows the delivering power of God and demonstrates the importance of His people learning to trust in Him. I enjoy these studies and I hope you will enjoy them, too, especially as you follow in the Scripture. Esther is not a long book, not a complicated book. You might read it often and after awhile aspects of it begin to take hold on one's thinking. But for now we come to Esther 6:1-14 and look at an event in the life of Mordecai, Esther's older cousin.

II: Discussion

6:1....Our account moves to the king's palace and we find him sleepless on a particular night. Not being able to sleep he had his servants bring to