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WALKING IN WISDOM

Week 5. - Pastor Oscar Chavez

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- “SEVEN DEADLY SINS”
The sin of Pride

- **“PRIDE** is the foundation of everything
Else that is going wrong in our lives”

Esther 2.

- 2:22 says the *“She told the King about it and give Mordecai credit for the report”*

- **V.23** *When an investigation was made and Mordecai’s story was found to be true, the two men were impaled on a sharpened pole. This was all recorded in The Book of the History of King Xerxes’ Reign.*

• 3:1 *Sometime later King Xerxes promoted a man name Haman to be over all the nobles, making him the most powerful official in the empire*

• ² *All the king's officials would bow down before Haman to show him respect whenever he passed by, for so the king had commanded.*

• *But Mordecai refused to bow down or show him respect.*

- ***⁵ When Haman saw that Mordecai would not bow down or show him respect, he was filled with rage. ⁶ He had learned of Mordecai's nationality, so he decided it was not enough to lay hands on Mordecai alone. Instead, he looked for a way to destroy all the Jews throughout the entire empire of Xerxes.***

•⁷ So in the month of April, during the twelfth year of King Xerxes' reign, **lots were cast in Haman's presence** (the lots were called *purim*) to determine the best day and month to take action. And the day selected **was March 7,** nearly a year later.

• ⁸ *Then Haman approached King Xerxes and said, “There is a certain race of people scattered through all the provinces of your empire who keep themselves separate from everyone else. Their laws are different from those of any other people, and they refuse to obey the laws of the king. So it is not in the king’s interest to let them live. ⁹ If it please the king, issue a decree that they be destroyed, and I will give 10,000 large sacks of silver to the government administrators to be deposited in the royal treasury.”*

*4: 1 When Mordecai learned about all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on burlap and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. ² He went as far as the gate of the palace, for no one was allowed to enter the palace gate while wearing clothes of mourning. ³ And as news of the king's decree reached all the provinces, **there was great mourning among the Jews. They fasted, wept, and wailed, and many people lay in burlap and ashes.***

- **James 4:10**

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

- **Prov. 29:23**

A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

- Proverbs 22:4

*The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord
Are riches, honor and life.*

- ¹ **On the third day of the fast**, Esther put on her royal robes and entered the inner court of the palace, just across from the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne, facing the entrance. ² When he saw Queen Esther standing there in the inner court, he welcomed her and held out the gold scepter to her. So Esther approached and touched the end of the scepter.

•³ *Then the king asked her, “What do you want, Queen Esther? What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!”*

•⁴ And Esther replied, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a banquet I have prepared for the king.”

- ⁵ *The king turned to his attendants and said, “Tell Haman to come quickly to a banquet, as Esther has requested.” So the king and Haman went to Esther’s banquet.*
- ⁶ *And while they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, “**Now tell me what you really want. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!**”*

•⁷ *Esther replied, “This is my request and deepest wish. ⁸ If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request and do what I ask, please come with Haman tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for you. Then I will explain what this is all about.”*

- ***9 Haman was a happy man as he left the banquet! But when he saw Mordecai sitting at the palace gate, not standing up or trembling nervously before him, Haman became furious. ¹⁰ However, he restrained himself and went on home.***
- ***Then Haman gathered together his friends and Zeresh, his wife, ¹¹ and boasted to them about his great wealth and his many children. He bragged about the honors the king had given him and how he had been promoted over all the other nobles and officials.***

- **12** *Then Haman added, “And that’s not all! Queen Esther invited only me and the king himself to the banquet she prepared for us. And she has invited me to dine with her and the king again tomorrow!”*
- **13** *Then he added, “But this is all worth nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew just sitting there at the palace gate.”*

•¹⁴ *So Haman's wife, Zeresh, and all his friends suggested, "Set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall, and in the morning ask the king to impale Mordecai on it. When this is done, you can go on your merry way to the banquet with the king." This pleased Haman, and he ordered the pole set up.*

• Esther 6

¹ That night the king had trouble sleeping, so he ordered an attendant to bring the book of the history of his reign so it could be read to him. ² In those records he discovered an account of how Mordecai had exposed the plot of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the eunuchs who guarded the door to the king's private quarters. They had plotted to assassinate King Xerxes.

- ³ *“What reward or recognition did we ever give Mordecai for this?” the king asked.*
- *His attendants replied, “Nothing has been done for him.”*
- ⁴ *“Who is that in the outer court?” the king inquired. As it happened, Haman had just arrived in the outer court of the palace to ask the king to impale Mordecai on the pole he had prepared.*
- ⁵ *So the attendants replied to the king, “Haman is out in the court.”*

• *“Bring him in,” the king ordered. ⁶ So Haman came in, and the king said, “What should I do to honor a man who truly pleases me?”*

• *Haman thought to himself, “Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?” ⁷ So he replied, “If the king wishes to honor someone,*

•⁸ *he should bring out one of the king's own royal robes, as well as a horse that the king himself has ridden—one with a royal emblem on its head.* ⁹ *Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. And let him see that the man whom the king wishes to honor is dressed in the king's robes and led through the city square on the king's horse. Have the official shout as they go, "This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!"*"

- ¹⁰ **“Excellent!”** the king said to Haman. **“Quick! Take the robes and my horse, and do just as you have said for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the gate of the palace. Leave out nothing you have suggested!”**

• ***11 So Haman took the robes and put them on Mordecai, placed him on the king's own horse, and led him through the city square, shouting, "This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!"***¹² ***Afterward Mordecai returned to the palace gate, but Haman hurried home dejected and completely humiliated.***

- ***13*** ***When Haman told his wife, Zeresh, and all his friends what had happened, his wise advisers and his wife said, “Since Mordecai—this man who has humiliated you—is of Jewish birth, you will never succeed in your plans against him. It will be fatal to continue opposing him.”***
- ***14*** ***While they were still talking, the king’s servants arrived and quickly took Haman to the banquet Esther had prepared.***

- **Esther 7**

- *7 So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet. ² On this second occasion, while they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"*

- ⁵ *“Who would do such a thing?” King Xerxes demanded. “Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?”*
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- ⁶ *Esther replied, “This wicked Haman is our adversary and our enemy.” Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen.* ⁷ *Then the king jumped to his feet in a rage and went out into the palace garden.*
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- *Haman, however, stayed behind to plead for his life with Queen Esther, for he knew that the king intended to kill him.*

- ***9 Then Harbona, one of the king's servants, said, "Haman has set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall in his own courtyard. He intended to use it to impale Mordecai, the man who saved the king from assassination."***

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- **Esther 8**

- *¹ On that same day King Xerxes gave the property of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther. Then Mordecai was brought before the king, for Esther had told the king how they were related. ² The king took off his signet ring—which he had taken back from Haman—and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed Mordecai to be in charge of Haman’s property.*

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- **11** *The king's decree gave the Jews in every city authority to unite to defend their lives. They were allowed to kill, slaughter, and annihilate anyone of any nationality or province who might attack them or their children and wives, and to take the property of their enemies. 12 The day chosen for this event throughout all the provinces of King Xerxes was March 7 of the next year.*

• **Esther 9: 1, *So on March 7...***

• ***⁵ So the Jews went ahead on the appointed day and struck down their enemies with the sword. They killed and annihilated their enemies and did as they pleased with those who hated them. ⁶ In the fortress of Susa itself, the Jews killed 500 men. ⁷ They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, ⁸ Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, ⁹ Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha—
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- ¹⁶ *Meanwhile, the other Jews throughout the king's provinces had gathered together to defend their lives. They gained relief from all their enemies, killing 75,000 of those who hated them. But they did not take any plunder.* ¹⁷ *This was done throughout the provinces* ***on March 7***

•³ *And all the nobles of the provinces, the highest officers, the governors, and the royal officials helped the Jews for fear of Mordecai.* ⁴ *For Mordecai had been promoted in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces as he became more and more powerful.*

- **Esther 10**

- **1** *King Xerxes imposed a tribute throughout his empire, even to the distant coastlands. ² His great achievements and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are recorded in The Book of the History of the Kings of Media and Persia. ³ Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself. He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high esteem, because he continued to work for the good of his people and to speak up for the welfare of all their descendants.*

I. Pride Leads to conflict.

Prov. 13:10

- *Pride leads to conflict;
those who take advice are wise.*

II. Pride Leads to *blindness.*

- Prov. 21:2
- *People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.*

III. Pride Leads to Failure.

• Prov. 15:25

*The Lord tears down the house of the proud,
but he protects the property of widows.*

IV. Pride Leads to Disgrace.

Prov. 11:2

- *Pride leads to disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.*

V. Pride Leads to Evil.

- Prov. 21:4

- *Haughty eyes, a proud heart, and evil actions are all sin.*

- Esther 9

- ²⁵ *But when Esther came before the king, he issued a decree causing Haman's evil plot to backfire, and Haman and his sons were impaled on a sharpened pole.*

VI. Pride Leads to Opposition from God.

- **Prov. 16:5 (ESV).**
- *Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord;
be assured, he will not go unpunished.*

VII. Pride Leads to self-destruction.

Prov. 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

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