

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Therefore they called these days Purim...
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...

Esther 9:26a-27
(ESV)

LESSON 10

Celebrating God's Mightiness

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Esther 9:1-10:3

SELF-CONTROL, A NEEDED DISCIPLINE IN OUR LIVES.

A. What **areas** do we **struggle** in?

B. What is the **key**?

"Self-control is managing our attitudes, our feelings, and actions so they serve our long-term interests and those of others. Self-control comes to people who learn discipline and social skills. It increases in those who accept God's grace in their lives and who seek to know and apply God's grace in their lives and who seek to know and apply divine Truth in a disciplined manner."

Richard Walters

C. What is the **example** in our story?

1. What had the Jews **experienced**?
2. What was the **opportunity**?
3. What was the **response**?

D. What are some principles regarding **retaliations**?

1. We have a **responsibility** to be different from the **culture**.
2. As Christians, we **are** a **family**.
3. It is God's job to **defend** with **justice**.

"God will protect my reputation. He will be my justice."

Bob Barnes

THE FESTIVAL OF PURIM

A. What is it?

1. **When** is it?
2. How was it **celebrated**?

B. What was its purpose?

1. To pass on a **legacy** to future **generations**.
 - a. To provide a **visual aid**.
 - b. To **remember** **IN** the humdrum of **life**.
 - c. To remember how God turned **disaster** into **glory**.
2. To set aside a day to **celebrate**.
 - a. To turn focus from **negatives** to **positives**.
 - b. To turn focus from past **pain** to future **hope**.
 - c. To turn from **complaining** to **celebrating**.

"The highest and most desirable state of the soul is to praise God in celebration for being alive. Our hurried, stressful, busy lives are unquestioningly the most dangerous enemy of celebrating life itself. Life is full of perks, if we train ourselves to perceive them." Luci Swindoll

C. What is **our** Purim?

1. Thanksgiving - a day of **gratitude** and **refocus**
2. How can we build "**monuments**?"

IN THE END, WHAT REALLY COUNTS?

A. What **will** we be **remembered** for?

B. What is Mordecai **remembered** for?

1. He was **great** among the Jews.
2. He was **popular** with the **multitude** of his brothers.
3. He sought the **welfare** of his **people**.
4. He spoke **peace** to all his **people**.

IN SUMMARY...

A. God has a **divine design**.

B. God **ALWAYS** cares for His people.