



# GOD'S MASTERPIECE

When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down  
or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury.

Esther 3:5

(ESV)

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Esther 2:18-

Things Were Going Well, and Then... 3:8b-15

WHEN CALAMITY STRIKES – THEN WHAT?

A. Things seem to be going so **smoothly**.

"An old enemy with a new name...in which an evil man challenges the throne of Almighty God."

Warren Wiersbe

B. But God...God **never forgets**

1. When we feel like no one **notices** our **efforts**...
2. The **hope** is that God will **work** in His **perfect timing**.

A DIABOLICAL PLAN

A. What was the **history**?

1. Who was **Haman**?
2. Who were the **Amalekites**?

B. What lessons can we learn?

1. **Disobedience** causes **repercussions**.
2. **Unchecked** sin can **grow**.
3. **Unforgiveness** is **unhealthy**.
  - a. It will **grow**.
  - b. It breaks down **relationship**.
    - With **others**
    - With **God**
  - c. It **stunts** my **growth**.

4. **Forgiveness** is a **choice**.

"Forgive and love again."

John Nieder

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THREE MEN

A. What can I learn from Ahasuerus?

1. Be **careful** of **pride**.
2. Be **careful** from whom I take **counsel**.

B. What can I learn from Mordecai?

1. People are **watching** my **life**.
2. **Committed** servants are **usable** to God.

C. What can I learn from Haman?

"Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings."

Helen Keller

1. **Rage** out of **control** becomes **poison**.
2. We need to **guard** our **hearts**.

IN SUMMARY...