

The Hosanna of Esther

**Hosanna means save now or
save us now**

Esther 3:5-6

- **⁵ When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. ⁶ But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.**

- **1. You have an enemy**

- **Our enemy has one goal in your life, your family's life, your neighborhood, this nation and this world and it is simple; he is there to rob, kill and destroy. – John 10:10**

- **Sometimes Christians do not fight back because they are either scared or they are defeated already, that is, they see no way of victory and if we do not believe and see our victory then the devil is in fact winning.**

Esther 4:13-16

¹³ And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: “Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?” ¹⁵ Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so, I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”

- **2. You must be desperate enough to rely solely on God**
- **Our victories do not begin to take place until we decide that we need to stop trying to fight on our own.**

- **3. You must be desperate enough not to move until you hear from God**
- **When you and I are desperate for victory, we will not stop calling out to God until we get our breakthrough.**

We will be like Jacob and wrestle all night. The problem is, many times we aren't that desperate enough.

- One thing I have learned in life and something I need to remind myself of, victory has a time element, it isn't always instantaneous.**

- **4. You must be desperate enough to do whatever it takes**

Our struggle is with the devil but it is also with the thing the devil likes to control, our flesh man

- **What would you do, what would you truly do to be free?**

What would you give up to find the victory you need?

Esther 9:1-4

- Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, *the time* came for the king's command and his decree to be executed. On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them. ² The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people.

Esther 9:1-4

- ³ And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. ⁴ For Mordecai *was* great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent. ⁵ Thus the Jews defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

- **5. Have faith even when you do not see**
- **Victory isn't what you see, it is what you and I believe God for.**

Esther 9:20-22

- ²⁰ And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who *were* in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, ²¹ to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar, ²² as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor.

- **6. Celebrate even if you don't see the victory**
- **One of the biggest mistakes we make is we only celebrate after the miracle, victory or deliverance, when what we should be doing is celebrating them before they come, knowing God will do what He promised**