

Esther 6:6

So Haman came in, and the king asked him, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"

The book of Esther, an amazing book in the bible. God is not mentioned in it, yet He is all over it. If you haven't read it before, or if it's been a while, I would encourage you to read it again, It's only ten chapters and you can read it in less than a half hour (you can turn your TV off for 30 minutes can't you? 😊)

Anyway, in today's devotional verse this is talking about Haman, an evil man who hated the Jews, and even more so he hate one particular Jew named Mordecai, who was Esther's uncle. Haman hated him because he would not bow down to him. Come on, ya gots to read it, this portion is actually a crack up, because the king wanted to honor Mordecai for saving him (the king) from an assassination attempt against him. So he asks Haman (Who was second in command to the kingdom) ***"What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?"***

Haman in his pride had no idea he was talking about Mordecai and ***thought in his heart, "Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"***

So in his puffed up arrogant thought Haman replied to the king with what he thought he deserved:

† ***Esther 6:7-9 And Haman answered the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor, let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head. Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!' "***

I'm not going to spoil it for you, you'll just have to read the rest for yourself to find out what will happen.

But, we are not like evil Haman you hated the Jews (at least I hope you're not). Yet how many of us think the same way Haman did? We are so quick to want the best blessing for ourselves, but when it comes to others we want to give them the scrap, or left over blessings.

What if God came to you and said that He wanted to bless someone for doing possible the same thing you had did. In your arrogance you would think of the best blessing because after all,

"Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?"

So you give God a great answer of this awesome blessing, then God says to you, great, I'm going to bless this person that you don't like at all with that blessing because that's just what he or she did and out of your own mouth, that's the blessing they deserve.

Have you put yourself above that person, thinking that he or she does not deserve it, but you do? Will you be upset or disappointed, or will you do what Jesus said?

† **Luke 6:27-28** *But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.*