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**Only God**

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# Esther - Strength & Dignity: Only God

(Esther 6:1-11 NIV)

## A Providential History Lesson

<sup>1</sup>That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. <sup>2</sup>It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

<sup>3</sup>"What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked.

"Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.

## A Providential Meeting

<sup>4</sup>The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him.

<sup>5</sup>His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court."  
"Bring him in," the king ordered.

## A Providential Set-Up

<sup>6</sup>When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?"

Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" <sup>7</sup>So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, <sup>8</sup>have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. <sup>9</sup>Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'"

## A Providential Change Of Plans

<sup>10</sup>"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended."

<sup>11</sup>So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"