

Esther 4:14

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God accomplishes His purposes through human instruments who submit and dedicate themselves to Him.

Scripture: Esther 4:14, Psalm 138:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 55:11, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 12:1, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 1:6, 2 Timothy 1:9

Topics: "Obedience to God", "Divine Purpose"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes that God's purposes are accomplished through human instruments, as illustrated in the story of Esther. He highlights how Esther's life was divinely orchestrated for a pivotal moment to save her people, reminding us that our own lives are also part of God's greater plan. Smith encourages submission and dedication to God's call, stressing that we must be willing to act even in the face of fear. He reassures that even if we fail, God's plans will prevail, and we are here to glorify Him through our obedience. Ultimately, we are reminded that our existence serves a divine purpose, and we should embrace the opportunities God provides.

Transcript

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

I. GOD'S PURPOSES ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HUMAN INSTRUMENTS.

A. Threatened annihilation of Abraham's seed, before God's promise

was fulfilled.

1. "Through thy seed shall all nations of world be

blessed."

2. "There shall arise a branch out of the stem of Judah."

3. God must preserve this tribe to fulfill His Word.

B. God's advance preparations.

1. Vashti's disobedience and de-thronement.

a. What sparked the mind of the drunken King to issue the order that she disobeyed?

2. Esther chosen over all other to be new queen.

a. You say her beauty - who gave her such beauty - God working in womb of mother.

b. God's purposes begin even before birth.

Paul - "Separated unto the Gospel from mother's womb."

C. Esther's whole life was being led to this psychic moment "such a time as this."

1. Why was Esther born?

a. To save Judah from destruction?

b. To please God through obedience.

2. Why were you born?

3. Note years of preparation for a two-day task.

a. Despise not the days of preparation.

4. The time of revelation.

D. How can we become instruments for God's use?

1. Submission.

a. "I will go."

b. "Present your bodies as living sacrifices."

c. When the call of God comes we must go and trust the circumstances to Him.

2. Dedication.

a. "If I perish I perish."

b. Many ventures for God forsaken for lack of courage, which comes from total dedication.

1. What have you got to lose?

My neck!

What's so precious about your

neck? -

"Fear not him who can kill the

body . . ."

E. What if we fail God.

1. "If you hold your peace there enlargement and deliverance shall come."

2. What faith in the purposes of God.

a. "But you and your fathers house shall be destroyed."

3. We have been placed here on earth for one chief purpose. All others spring from Him.

a. To glorify God by our submission and obedience to Christ.

b. God gives us many opportunities throughout life.

c. Longsuffering and patient.

d. He doesn't let us go.

e. He pursues after us.

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