

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Why Me, Lord?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Helen Spicer, Doris Fikes, Peggy Beebe, Wayne Ezell will to travel to Seattle later this month for treatment so please say a special prayer for him and his family.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Thad Douthitt (deployed) , Steve and Abby, Hans and Danesa will be traveling the last few weeks of March.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR GOSPEL MEETING MARCH 18-21, 2018.

Today's Scripture: "You will say to me, therefore, "Why then does He still find fault? For who can resist His will?" But who are you, a mere man, to talk back to God? Will what is formed say to the one who formed it, "Why did you make me like this?" **Romans 9:19-20 (HCSB)**

Today's Proverb: "Why am I so depressed? Why this turmoil within me? Put your hope in God, for I will still praise Him, my Savior and my God".

Psalm 42:11 (HCSB)

Attendance Last Sunday: **71** Record: **96**

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March 4th, 2018 BULLETIN for the



God's Plan of Salvation

- HearRomans 10:17
- BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
- Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
- Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
- Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
- Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Why Me, Lord?

Kris Kristofferson, a country-western singer (among other accomplishments) has a song that I enjoy listening to on occasion. The name of the song is "Why me, Lord?" One of the verses says, "Why me, Lord? What have I ever done to deserve even one of the pleasures I've known?" In the book of Esther, the young woman whom the book is named for probably asked that question and others similar to it throughout her life.

Esther, whose real name was Hadassah, was a young Jewish woman who was selected to be taken to the king's harem after his queen had refused an order to appear before him. Esther was only one of several young women who were selected, but she became a favorite of the king's eunuch and because of this she was given the best quarters, food and beauty treatments. Throughout this time, I would suggest that she regularly asked "Why me, Lord?" She was eating food that she could only dream about before being selected for the king's harem, she had seven women servants who took care of her every need, and she was living in the very lap of luxury at that time.

After a period of preparation that lasted for one full year, each of the young women were taken into the king's harem. After their visit with him, they were transferred to a second harem, the home of his concubines and were never seen by the king again unless he specifically asked for them. When it became Esther's turn to go to the king, she found more favor in his eyes than all the other women, so much so that he crowned her queen. Once again, she was in a situation where she could, and probably did, ask "Why me, Lord?". Why, of all the beautiful women from throughout the kingdom, did the king select her to be queen? A young woman who was an orphan, adopted by her uncle, was made queen. What a remarkable story.

Later in the story though, things weren't so easy. One of the king's servants had become angry at Esther's uncle, Mordecai and consequently all the Jews in the kingdom. This servant had given an order that everyone should bow down and pay him homage when he entered the gate. Mordecai, being a Jew, would not do this. When the king's servant found out, he not only vowed to destroy Mordecai but all the Jews in the kingdom. When Mordecai was informed of this, he went to Esther and asked her to go to the king and get the plan stopped. At this time, Esther probably asked "Why me, Lord?" from a different perspective. The problem was that anyone who approached the king without his specific invitation was put to death unless the king specifically exempted them. Esther knew this. She was in a difficult position, not doing anything and allowing all her people as well as herself to be put to death by the king's servant. Or approaching the king without an invitation and facing almost certain death from him.

By: Bill Beebe

Not wanting to approach the king without an invitation, she hesitated. Mordecai made a statement that has resonated throughout time, "If you keep silent at this time, liberation and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father's house will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this." **Esther 4:14 (HCSB)**

Mordecai's statement is that God's plan will be carried out, but you will miss the opportunity and our family will be destroyed while someone else will lead. Today we can make the same statement. God wants all humanity to repent and be saved. His plan is that all people have the opportunity to hear the gospel message. We are in the situation that Esther found herself in. We are blessed beyond measure, compared to most of the people throughout the world we are wealthy. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, we have foods available to us that most people just dream about. We have homes that many in the world can't even imagine. We should be asking "Why me, Lord?". Why have we been so blessed among all the people of the world? What have we ever done to deserve all these blessings? Of course the answer is nothing! God, through His love and grace has blessed us. It is not due to anything that we have done that causes God to have to bless us. He does so, like He did for Esther, because He loves us. And, just maybe, because He has placed each one of us here at this time for a purpose. So perhaps we should also be asking "Have we been put here for such a time as this?".

You may be the only person that can convince your friend or family member to come to church. You may be the only one who can say that one thing that causes a lost sinner to be saved. You may be the single most important person in the salvation of a family. We don't have to face the consequences that Esther did, but we still hesitate. So consider this, are you here in Alaska at Wasilla at this time because you are the only one that can save some lost person? Is the answer to the question "Why me, Lord?" because you and only you can say or do something that will save one lost soul?

Or will you, when you meet God at judgement have to say what the song's chorus says; "I've wasted it!" because you never acted when the opportunities presented themselves.

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