



Outline - Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sermon Title: **“IN HONOR OF A JUST WAR GOD IS OUR DEFENSE”**

Scripture Reading: Esther 9:1-22

1. **Judge not lest you be judged:** – Matt 7:1-2/Esther 9:1, 5, 25
 - a. A remarkable unity observed – vs 2/Ezra 3:1/Neh 8:2
 - b. By the Authority of the King – Esther 8:11/Ps 149:1-9/2 Cor 10:5
 - c. An act of *self-defense* – vs 9:16/Rom 12:19

2. **The Exaltation of Mordecai:** – vs 3-4
 - a. His glorious appearing – Esther 8:15-17
 - b. His Strength became their strength – vs 2d; 3c/Eph 6:10-12

3. **Dealing justly with the evil seed:** – vs 12-14
 - a. The *Curse of wicked* upon themselves – Esther 3:6/Num 2:33
 - b. The consequences of *unrepentant* sin – Deut 21:23/Luke 23:40-41/Heb 10:26-29

4. **A display of righteousness judgment:** – vs 9:10-11, 16
 - a. This was not a war to profit – Gen 14:21-24
 - b. The profit *goes to the King* – Esther 8:11/10:1
 - c. *Rest and rejoicing won through war* – vs 16, 22/Gen 9:22/Ex 23:12/Rom 14:17/Isa 9:6

5. **Mordecai becomes greater and greater:** – Esther 10:2
 - a. A Memorial of the gospel of Purim – Esther 9:31/Prov 16:33
 - b. The Cross – The Resurrection – The Table – 1 Cor 11:26/Prov 29:17
 - c. The *message of peace* to guilty sinners – Esther 10:3/Eph 2:13-17