

Haman: Racial Hatred at Its Worst

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Have you ever been the object of prejudice? Maybe you were discriminated against on the job or in the neighborhood or marketplace. It gives you a sick feeling. Today, the worst thing you can call someone is a racist. Sadly, some people toss that term around freely against anyone who disagrees with them. Racial hatred and prejudice can take many different forms. It can be subtle and secretive or it can be blatant and obvious. None of us would ever want to be accused of discriminating and being prejudicial. Tucked away in the book Esther is a man who exhibited racial hatred. As his story unfolds there are scores of lessons to learn about this most ugly and vicious of sins. In light of today's racial environment, this Sunday's message is one we all need to hear and apply. We can learn a great deal from this lesser known who needs to be better known.

I. INTRODUCTION: *“The Racial and Ethnic Discord of our Day”*

II. EXPOSITION: The Book of Esther

A. The Setting of the Book:

B. The Ultimate “Frat Party” and Removal of the Queen:

1. The Party Itself

2. An Insecure Husband

3. An Important Reminder about “headship” and “submission”

C. The “Royal Beauty Pageant” and the making of a New Queen: Esther

D. The Discovery of a Plot against the King

E. Haman’s Hatred of Mordecai and Plot of Genocide

F. Mordecai’s Plea to Esther

G. Haman’s “Honoring” of Mordecai

H. Haman’s Diabolical Plot Uncovered and His Downfall

III. CONCLUSION AND LASTING LESSONS:

A. Pay close attention to your reflective and impulsive wills.

B. Cultivate a healthy curiosity about differences.

C. Steadfastly refuse to stereotype people groups.

D. Ask yourself the following: *“How do I want to be treated?”*

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