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Esther 6:13-7

Haman's sense of pride and self-assurance was challenged as his wife and advisers told him that Mordecai would bring about his downfall, since surely he would not be able to stand against the Jewish origin of his archenemy. Haman must have gone to the second banquet with a sense of foreboding instead of arrogant bliss. He had set things in motion that were spiraling out of his control and would carry significant, though unknown, consequences.

Esther was tasked with a monumental job: 1) to tell the most powerful – and highly sensitive – man in the world that she had deceived him about her true identity, and 2) carefully let him know that he had been deceived and had given his approval for a foolish plan.

Again we see that while God's name is not mentioned directly, His hand of sovereignty is evidenced as we see the arranging of certain “coincidences” between the King, Esther and Haman.

Questions:

1. Describe how you find comfort in knowing that God is always faithful, even when we are not faithful.
2. Do you fear knowing that God is acutely aware of what is going on in our lives?
3. Read Galatians 6:7-8. Scripture also says that “he who digs a pit for others will fall into it himself” (Proverbs 26:27; Psalm 7:15). Has reaping what you’ve sown been a positive or negative experience for you. Give an example.
4. Read Hebrews 2:14-15. Jesus willingly came to earth as a human to break the curse of sin and death, the *one* thing that Satan held over us. How does His sacrifice and this defeat over death affect your view of the price He paid?
5. Have you, or someone close to you, had a time when death was brought into focus? Where you afraid or at peace? Please explain.