

Well Done

Esther 8

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“When Mordecai left the king’s presence, he was wearing royal garments of blue and white, a large crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen. And the city of Susa held a joyous celebration.” (vs.15)

Reading through this victorious chapter of Esther makes me think of another victorious scripture. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells parable of servants who are entrusted with some of their master’s money while he is away on a trip. When he returns, those servants who increased the master’s funds are greeted with the words “well done good and faithful servant.” Jesus goes on to remind us that one day we will indeed stand before the throne of judgement. On that day, having trusted in Jesus, we can expect to hear the words “well done good and faithful child.”

Lent is a season and a time to focus our attention on our trust and lack of trust in Christ. Esther and Mordecai trust in God even when things are looking very bleak for their people. Because of their trust and faith, they are able to discern the path God would have them tread, they have hope, and they boldly pursue help for their people. AND in the end, their trust in God leads to victory and celebration. When we trust in Christ in our daily living, we find new doors opening for us. We experience help in troubling times. We are empowered to move and act boldly for our God. AND we share in the victory of Christ. We travel through the Lenten season sharing in the suffering of Christ. The good news, is that to suffer with Christ, to die with Christ, is to also rise victorious with Christ at the empty tomb. As you fast and pray, exercise trust in the Holy One and cling to the hope of HIS victory.