

Working for the Good

Esther 10

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“Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.” (vs. 3)

In the conclusion of the book of Esther, we are told that Mordecai is held in high esteem because he worked for the good of his people. In reading these words, I cannot help but be reminded of Romans 8:28 which says “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him; who have been called according to his purpose.” In fact, it was God working through Mordecai who allowed for a great victory for the Jews in Susa. The book of Esther and the verse from Romans encourage us and remind us of God’s faithfulness, love, and work in our lives.

It is so easy to get discouraged and caught up in the trials and disappointments of this life. When difficulty assails us from all sides and darkness shadows everything around us it is hard to glimpse the light of Christ. Esther, Mordecai and the Jews in Susa faced a great disappointment and darkness when they learned of Haman’s plans. It would have been easy for them to feel helpless, to remain discouraged, and to forget the promises of God. Instead they turn to God in prayer and fasting. They trust that God goes with them, that God is a God who not only works, but works for the good of those who love HIM. They couldn’t see or imagine how things would play out or how they would be redeemed from this life-taking situation. Yet, God was at work the entire time. Our God constantly calls to us, speaks into our lives, whispers to our hurting souls and reminds that he works for our good. When we trust God even when all odds are against us, then we are given the opportunity to work with God and to be held in high esteem as we work with God for the good of HIS people.