

## For Such A Time As This Pt6

### ESTHER 4:1-3

1. When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;
2. And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
3. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and **fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.**

### TESTIMONY RAISING DEAD BOY [53-1203]

Usually in a fast I never feel hungry. **If you feel hungry, it's time to eat.** That's right. Jesus afterwards was hungry. You see? But **if you're hungry, it's time to eat.** So then I begin to kind of get hungry.

### THE INTER VEIL [56-0121]

Christianity is not something, God's not One you have to beg, and cry, and plead, and fast, and starve, and everything like that to get to. Certainly not. I'm not degrading a fast.

But here not long ago, a man wrote a book on fasting. My, women come into the meeting, and men, who'd went on those fasts that were insane. They went just because the book said to fast forty days. Some of them with false plates, and their teeth would drop out. And their eyes would sink back. And mothers-to-be to... women to be mothers, their little ones as you understand, they would completely go mentally out, and be taken to the institutions. Many, many of them, come in that condition. **I believe in fasting. Certainly. But when you fast, you don't hunger.** Jesus after He had got through fasting, the Bible said, He was hungry. **God puts a fast on you. You don't put it on yourself.** He certainly captured the women, the man did that wrote the book, when he said, put a picture of a woman there, she looked twenty years younger, said, after the fast. You ought to see her then, just about a year later what she looked like, after that. See? Certainly.

You don't do that. You don't do things by works. It's by grace. God in sovereign grace...

WHY [61-0125]

**You never want to fast until you're led to fast. Then if you get hungry, it's time to eat.** "Afterwards Jesus was afterwards an hungered." Some of this saying, these people fasting and say, "I'm going to fast forty days," and the false teeth falling out and losing weight, and... My, **you better stop that. You wait till God leads you to do that on those things. Be led of the Spirit.**

I've had people, after a certain book was wrote and put out about fasting, people come to my line: women, pregnant and things like that, come in my line, lose their, lose their mind, come--go into insane institutions from that. See? 'Course you can't do that. **Just because somebody else done it, that's no sign that you're supposed to do it. Let God lead you to do what you're doing.**

**If you're led to, when you get hungry, it's time to eat. When God puts a fast on you, you don't get hungry. It's God dealing with you.** "Jesus was afterwards an hungered." See? After His fast was over, He hungered.

ENTICING SPIRITS [55-0724]

There's nothing in the Word tells you to have a forty day fast, not a thing. **Nothing in the world telling you to fast 'less God would tell you. And if you fast, you ain't going to get hungry and go all these things. After your fasting, brother, you'll be joy and happy all the time.**

Said, "Don't appear before men like hypocrites do with a long sad face. I'm on a forty day fast; my plates won't fit me any more. I've lost thirty pounds, and they told me I looked better after this is over." **Oh, nonsense. It's enticing spirits of the devil.**

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY [53-0513]

And all you people that's around in these other cities, that belongs to these churches, go to church every day, every day that you can, **every day that they have service, go.** Attend your church; be real loyal. Just stand by your church. Stand by your pastor; help him out with everything you got. Give him spiritual support. Fast **and pray for him.** And have faith in him, and God will lead the church on to that glorious day that we're looking forward to come.

**ESTHER 4:4-11**

4. So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.

5. Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was.
6. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate.
7. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them.
8. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people.
9. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.
10. Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai;
11. All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that **whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live:** but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

#### HIDDEN LIFE WITH CHRIST [56-0213]

And now there was three different courts, or places in the tabernacle, that I want to draw your attention to. And one of them was the outer court, the court. Then the--the altar, which was a holy place, and then **the holiest of holies, where only the high priest went once a year, and no one dared to follow him behind that holy place.**

#### BLIND BARTIMAEUS [60-0330]

You know the high priest, when he went into the holiest of holies, he had--he was anointed with the--a perfume and with anointing oil. And on his--the hem of his garment, they had a pomegranate and a bell. And every time he walked, that played, "Holy, holy, holy, unto the Lord." And the only way that they knowed he was alive, when he was back in the holiest of holies, because there was noise. **I wonder if there isn't some deadness somewhere?** All right. That's the only way they knowed he was alive, because he was making a noise back in there. They were listening to see if there was still life in there when he went into the holiest of holies.