

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

3. _____ **DECISION** (v. 10:1-3)

A. Leadership is _____

FINANCES STRENGTHENED

Quote: "Why did the author mention the new tax program of King Ahasuerus? Some Bible students think that it was Mordecai who engineered this new system of tribute as a substitute for war and plunder as a source of kingdom wealth."—**Warren Wiersbe**

MORDECAI IS ELEVATED

"The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility." (Proverbs 15:33)

"Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great men: 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen." (Proverbs 25:6-7)

B. Leadership Is _____

SEEKS THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE

"When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel." (Nehemiah 2:10)

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:3)

SEEKS PEACE OF THE PEOPLE

CONCLUSION

"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled." (Colossians 1:20-21)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Christmas Tree Lighting

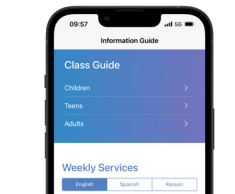
Sunday, November 27 | Following the Evening Service



Christmas Presentation

December 10 & 11 | 5 PM

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GOD'S GOT THIS

PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL | NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Title: Deciding to Remember

Text: Esther 9:27-10:3

“The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year; 28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed. 29 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, 31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. 32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book. 10:1 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. 2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.” (Esther 9:27-10:3)

INTRODUCTION

1. _____ DECISION (v. 27)

A. _____

IT WAS ESTABLISHED

IT WAS FOR ALL GENERATIONS

B. _____

C. _____

“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12)

Quote: “It’s sad when a nation (or a church) forgets its heroes and the providential events that have kept it alive. How easy it is for a new generation to come along and take for granted the blessings that previous generations struggled and sacrificed to attain! The Jews didn’t make that mistake but established the Feast of Purim to remind their children year after year that God had saved Israel from destruction.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.” (Psalm 34:11)

2. _____ DECISION (v. 28)

A. _____

“Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.” (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Quote: “Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.”—**Jasoslav Pedikan**

B. _____

EVERY FAMILY

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

EVERY PLACE

Quote: “The consent of the Jewish people to keep Purim was very strong. To this day, the Jews still keep Purim.”—**John G. Butler**

C. _____

“The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” (Deuteronomy 29:29)