

Lesson 8
The Feast of Esther and the Pride of Haman
(Esther 5)

Questions

1. What question did the king ask Esther and what was her response (5:1-4)?

2. What question did the king ask Esther at her banquet and what was her response (5:5-8)?

3. How did Haman react when he left the banquet and saw Mordecai (5:9)?

4. What did Haman tell his friends and wife (5:10-12)?

5. How did Haman's attitude toward Mordecai affect his life (5:13)?

6. What did Haman's wife and friends counsel him to do (5:14)?

Digging Deeper

1. How tall was the gallows using an 18-inch cubit (5:14)?

Applications for Today

1. When you go from joy to anger quickly, there may be something wrong with your character (5:9; Gal. 5:20).
2. Pride goes before destruction (5:10-12; Prov. 16:18; Esther 6:13).

3. When you brag about your earthly successes without any spiritual content you are likely laying up treasures for yourself and you are not rich toward God (5:10-12; Lk. 12:13-21).
4. Don't let other people define how you view your life; let God define you with his word (5:13; 1 Cor. 4:1-4; Gal. 1:10; 1 Thess. 4:1).
5. Be careful from whom you get your counsel (Prov. 12:5). Some people are inventors of evil things and they want you to be a part of their evil schemes (5:14; Psa. 37:12ff; Prov. 6:16-19; Rom. 1:30).