



## It's Still In His Hands

Text: Esther 5:1-14

Series: Esther, #5

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Theme: **God's providence directs human events.**

### **The King: Moving the immovable object.**

1. Making the impossible look easy. (1-2)
2. Breaking down the calloused heart. (3-5)

### **Haman: Giving the fool enough rope to hang himself.**

1. Allowing honor to feed his pride. (4-5, 9, 11-12)
2. Opening his eyes to incite his anger. (9, 13)

### **Esther: Guiding the one walking by faith.**

1. Granting courage to act. (1-2)
2. Giving sensitivity to God's timing. (4, 5, 8)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

**Monday.** Yesterday we saw from Esther 5 that God’s providence directs human events. Read the chapter taking an overall look for evidence that God was in control. Do you have confidence that God is fulfilling His purposes and keeping His promises today in your life?

**Tuesday.** Today think about God’s providence “moving the immovable object” —king Xerxes. Review the points and references in the outline. What are some of the immovable objects in your path? We don’t know which ones God will move or when, and which ones God will take you through, but He *will* provide for you.

**Wednesday.** The second principle we looked at on Sunday is the most difficult. We saw in Haman that God gave the fool enough rope to hang himself. Anyone who does not recognize, believe in and put God at the center of his/her life, God says is a fool (Psalm 14:1). God is merciful, but it is always dangerous to presume upon God’s mercy. For unbelievers, it confirms their just judgment. For believers it brings missed opportunities and blessings, as well as discipline.

**Thursday.** In Esther we saw a third principle of God’s providence, guiding the one walking by faith. Just as God gave Esther the courage to act and sensitivity to His timing, He gives it to His people today who lean on Him — including you! Thank God for this.

**Friday - Saturday.** Sunday is Palm Sunday. We plan to explore *Jesus the King*. We plan to return to the series in Esther after Easter.