



The Gavel Comes Down
Esther 6:1 – 7:10 (#6 in the series)
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Theme: **God's providence restrains evil.**

God's actions to end Haman's evil.

1. Insomnia is used to protect Mordecai. (6:1-3)
2. The early bird is gotten by the worm. (6:4-11)
3. Haman's evil is exposed. (6:14 - 7:8)
4. Haman is "hanged." (7:9-10)

God's reasons for ending Haman's evil.

1. The character of God.
(*cf.* Isaiah 6:3; Deuteronomy 7:9; Lamentations 3:22-23; 1 John 4:8, 16)
2. The plan of God. (*cf.* Genesis 12:2-3; Psalm 135:6)
3. The prayers of God's people. (*cf.* 4:16; John 15:7)

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. Read Esther chapters 6 and 7. Using the outline to help guide you, trace God's actions that brought an end to Haman's evil. As we have noted frequently God is not named but, as it has been said, "His fingerprints are all over this book," including this chapter. Thank God that in His sovereignty He continues to restrain evil in our day.

Tuesday. God ended Haman's evil ... but why? Today look at the first of the reasons that we cited on Sunday, God's character. God's holiness and love go together, and they are both part of the reason for God's action here. Review the references on the outline, and trace other passages on God's holiness and love.

Wednesday. The second reason for God bringing Haman and his evil to an end that we looked at on Sunday was the plan of God. God had a plan for Israel and made promises to them. Nothing and no one thwarts God's plans and purposes. This is true in our day, and in your life. Never despair, God will accomplish His plans concerning you.

Thursday. God ended Haman's evil also because of the prayers of His people. We cannot begin to understand all of how prayer "works." We do know that God *does* respond to our prayers. Look up and review some passages from the Bible on this. Review your week ... what have you been taking to God? How has He responded to your prayers, and those of others?

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to survey God's deliverance as we look at 8:1 – 9:19. Read the chapters in preparation for our time together.