

Irony of Ironies

Esther: Chapter Six

A. Sleepless In Shushan

1. The king suffered from _____ which led to the realization that there was some unfinished business to attend to. (Esther 6:1-3)
2. The unfinished business they found was that Mordecai was never officially _____ for saving the king's life. (Esther 6:3)

- Who must have been at work here for them to find this?

B. Impeccable Timing

1. Haman enters the king's court to ask the king to _____ Mordecai. (Esther 6:4-5)
2. The king sought _____ from Haman regarding honoring a man who deserves honor. (Esther 6:6a)
3. Haman's response was selfish and very bold, as he suggests a very _____ display of recognition. (Esther 6:6b-9)

- What does this show about God's timing?
- What can we glean from this?

C. Humble Haman

1. Haman's jaw must have dropped when he found out who the king wanted to _____ and who would be giving the recognition! (Esther 6:10)
2. Haman obediently _____ the king's command to honor Mordecai even though it probably was the toughest thing he had to endure. (Esther 6:11)
3. The last time we saw Haman return home, he was joyful, now he is _____ for having to honor his enemy Mordecai. (Esther 6:12)
4. The last time Haman talked with his wife and friends, they unlovingly pumped him up with pride, now they tell him the _____. (Esther 6:13)
5. The time is _____ for this evil man, God's timing is always perfect. (Esther 6:14)

- What can we learn from this?

D. Remember

1. God's Timing is perfect, we need to _____ patiently and _____ in Him.
2. Pride kills our _____ with the Lord.
3. Sow not to the flesh, but to the _____.