

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION

Bible Study

May 21, 2026

10:00 am

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For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.~ 2 Corinthians 8:12

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Lesson Twenty-nine: Part One: Esther: The Queen of Persia

Meditation: God is Love! 3 min.

Opening Prayer

Esther 1-10

1. Who was Esther? What were her connections
2. Who was Mordecai? What interest did he have in Esther?
3. What is a peculiar feature of the Book of Esther?
4. Who was Xerxes? How large was his kingdom?
5. Who was Vashti? What did she do to be banished from the royal presence?
6. How was another wife for Xerxes selected?
7. Why did Mordecai ask Esther to keep her Jewish origins secret?
8. Who was Haman? Why did he want to kill Mordecai?
9. What did Mordecai tell Esther to do to help the Jews?
10. Why did Esther set up a banquet between Xerxes and Haman?
11. What was the attitude of Haman and Xerxes before the banquet?
12. Why did Haman build a gallows?
13. What happened at the banquet Esther set up with Haman and Xerxes?
14. How was Haman killed? What happened after Haman's death?
15. What is righteous retribution?

Closing Prayer