

## The Queen of Beauty and Courage

June 15, 2025 – Chapter Twenty

Adult Bible Class

### Chapter 20: The Antithesis and Antidote

The story of Esther has at least three key points:

**1. First, it confirms the \_\_\_\_\_.**

God is still working *even when* \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. God provides another glimpse of the \_\_\_\_\_ through Esther.**

a) \_\_\_\_\_

*I ask only one thing from the Lord. This is what I want: Let me live in the Lord's house all my life. Let me see the Lord's beauty and look with my own eyes at his Temple.*

Psalm 27:4

b) Both lived in \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.*

John 14:10

c) For such a \_\_\_\_\_/In the fullness of \_\_\_\_\_

*"Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

Esther 4:14

*But when the right time came, God sent his Son who was born of a woman and lived under the law.*

Galatians 4:4

d) Both exposed \_\_\_\_\_ and were willing to \_\_\_\_\_ should it come to that.

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ is an abomination to the LORD. To attack \_\_\_\_\_ is to attack God.**

*And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.*

Revelation 12:3-5

*If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as it loves its own. But I have chosen you out of the world, so you don't belong to it. That is why the world hates you.*

John 15:18-19

In the story of Esther, we see the antidote to hate: \_\_\_\_\_.

*"All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing."*—Edmund Burke

*"There are a thousand men hacking at the branches of evil for every one who is striking at its root."*

—Thoreau

And what is at the root of hatred? \_\_\_\_\_.

### Today's Equipping Point

**All \_\_\_\_\_ stops with me.**

*You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.*

Matthew 5:21-22

*These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.*

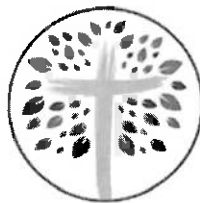
John 16:33

*Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

Romans 8:35, 37

### Discussion Questions

1. How often have you used prayer and fasting when faced with a crisis?
2. Has God ever placed you in a position to serve a greater purpose than you imagined?
3. What courage will you display today to defeat hatred in any form?



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