

Haman's Last Supper

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Esther 7.

B. The cross of Christ is the crisis of history and the judgment of every individual life.

II. Foreshadowing of New Testament events.

A. The king is a picture of your blindness of soul.

B. The queen is a picture of the regenerate human spirit.

C. Haman is a picture of self.

III. The Last Supper is pictured in this text.

A. The Last Supper had both ignorant disciples and Judas the traitor that ended with him hung on a tree.

B. Wherever there is a cross, it is to put something to death in the life.

C. On the cross, Jesus became Haman—He became sin—and God's only answer for evil is to put it to death. Jesus substitutes our sin.

IV. Esther 7 is a picture of the only way that the Christian can find victory over self.

A. The first step is seeing yourself as who you really are in a flash of insight—the source of the problem.

B. The second step is a conflict within that challenges the person to renounce the problem.

C. The third step is to pronounce the sentence of death upon the issue. (Romans 6)

1. Your sinful attitudes put Jesus to death.

2. When you have a critical spirit, resentment, or any other evil issue, put it to death.

Application questions:

1. How does Jesus represent Haman? What consequence does this have for us?

2. Why must we recognize that we might be the problem when someone else is doing something wrong to us?

3. What sinful attitudes are you harboring? What is keeping you from putting them to death now? Spend some time writing in prayer to God over the issue.
