

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

June 13, 2022 Esther's Request to the King - [Esther 5:1-14](#)

Open It

1. What things are most valued and sought after by many people these days?
2. Why do you think people strive after money and power when those things do not bring true happiness?
3. What brings you the most satisfaction in life?

Explore It

4. Why did Esther approach the king uninvited? ([5:1](#))
5. How did the king react to Queen Esther's presence in his court? ([5:2](#))
6. Of what significance is the fact that the king held out his golden scepter? ([5:2](#))
7. What did the king offer to Esther? ([5:3](#))
8. What did Queen Esther ask of the king? ([5:4](#))
9. How does the tension and suspense in the story build? ([5:4-8](#))
10. What infuriated Haman after he attended Esther's banquet? ([5:9](#))
11. Why was Haman most proud? ([5:10-13](#))
12. What do we learn about Haman at this point? ([5:11](#))
13. What kept Haman from enjoying all of his success and wealth? ([5:13](#))
14. What advice did Haman's wife and friends give him? ([5:14](#))
15. How did Haman feel about his friends' advice? ([5:14](#))
16. Why did Haman build gallows? ([5:14](#))

Get It

17. What risks did Esther take when she approached the king?
18. What does the king's generosity reveal about Esther's character?
19. How is Esther a good example to us today?
20. What do you admire about Esther?
21. What do you find repulsive about Haman?
22. What can we learn from the negative example of Haman?
23. What character traits of Haman should we be careful to avoid?
24. What does this passage reveal about wealth, power, and happiness?
25. Why was Haman not satisfied?
26. How have you seen pride hurt your relationship with the Lord or others?
27. How can Christians guard against the sin of pride?

Apply It

28. What can you do today to restore any relationship damaged by pride?
29. What is one way you can place your focus on serving God and off of getting money and influencing others?