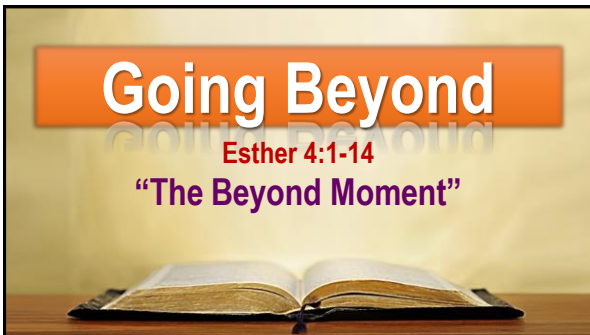


Going Beyond

Esther 4:1-14

“The Beyond Moment”



Introduction

Esther 4:1-14 - The Story of Esther

- 1 When Mordecai learned all that had happened, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city. He cried out with a loud and bitter cry.
- 2 He went as far as the front of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.
- 3 And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.



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- 4 So Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her, and the queen was deeply distressed. Then she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth away from him, but he would not accept them.
- 5 Then Esther called Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs whom he had appointed to attend her, and she gave him a command concerning Mordecai, to learn what and why this was.
- 6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the city square that was in front of the king's gate.



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- 7 And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews.
- 8 He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.
- 9 So Hathach returned and told Esther the words of Mordecai.



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- 10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him a command for Mordecai:
- 11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days."
- 12 So they told Mordecai Esther's words.



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- 13 And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.
- 14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"



Esther 4:8, 14

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**I. The Beyond Factor**

- A. God's **Destiny** for Esther.
- B. God's **Plan** for each of us.

**I. The Beyond Factor**

C. We are the "**Called Out**" Ones

1. Abraham
2. The Ecclesia
3. A **Separate** People
4. A **Holy** People: "**Beyond the norm**"

**I. The Beyond Factor**

- D. Every advancement of mankind has involved the "**Going Beyond**" Factor
- E. Every Miracle of God requires the "**Going Beyond**" Factor
 1. The **Supernatural** is beyond the natural
 2. Faith is "**Stepping Out**" or "**Going Beyond**"

**II. The Beyond Moment**

- A. The Moment we **Decide** to go Beyond
 1. Much **Earlier** than the outward action
 2. **Unseen & Unknown** by others
- B. Every miracle requires a **Beyond** Moment

**II. The Beyond Moment**

- C. The Advancement of God's Kingdom requires "**Beyond**" Moments
 1. **Deliverance; Salvation; Victory;**
 2. **Obedying God's Commands -**
- D. We are **Created** for Beyond Moments



II. The Beyond Moment

- E. The Kingdom Advances at that **Beyond Moment**, not at the Later Miracle!
- F. The Beyond Moment proves our **Faithfulness!**
 1. The Outcome is **Not** our responsibility
 2. It is our **Decision** to go beyond that God looks for



III. The Beyond Struggle

- A. There is **Safety** in staying where we are
 1. There is no **Risk**
 2. There is no **Change**
 3. There is predictability in staying where we are



III. The Beyond Struggle

- B. To do nothing is **Wrong**
 1. "to be silent" - "to let alone"
 2. To devise in a bad sense; silently fabricating;



III. The Beyond Struggle

- C. Others are **Afflicted** when we do not go beyond!
 1. It is **Not** about us!
 2. Others will stay in **Bondage** and not be free
 3. Others are **Kept From** experiencing victory & freedom
- D. There is a **Cost** in Going Beyond



Conclusion

**Going Beyond Advances
The Kingdom Of God!**

