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Sunday service

The Covenant and the Big Picture

Esther 4:4-17

The Bible contains important Word regarding your life journey. God's will and reason for the age is what you must absolutely keep in mind. First, Genesis 3:15 is God's great direction and the fundamental content, promising to send His Son, the offspring of woman, to defeat the serpent. The second is Exodus 3:18 is the sacrificial offering of the promising blood that set you free from all that you are enslaved. The third is Isaiah 7:14 is the promise that God will come in flesh through His Son that will be conceived through the virgin and he shall be called Immanuel. Then there's Matthew 16:16, which is the conclusion of the Bible and all that has been prophesied in each age. It states that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah, the Christ. These important content are God's absolute standard. Matthew 24:14 promises that the end will come when only the Gospel is proclaimed until the end of the world regardless of what arises in the world. These covenants must be the standard to your life journey. There is no reason for you to be consumed by the problems that you face. You must be compelled by the Gospel and the Gospel movement. This is the answer, and there is no wisdom outside of this. God might be asking, "This is what I will do, what will you do? What are your thoughts?" The correct response to God's question is the accurate covenant. Goliath's covenant was the sword, spear, and javelin, but David's covenant was the name of the Lord Almighty. This is the accurate covenant.

1. The covenant and the big picture

- 1) The Bible passage is about Esther. She was the greatest female committed worker of that time and her confession "If I perish, I perish" left with many messages. Esther's story also features Mordecai, Esther's cousin.
- 2) Although Esther played a crucial role, it was Mordecai who led the entire event. He was a man of God with a clear covenant, and he effectively commanded the effort to prevent the disaster when Haman the official tried to kill all the Jews in Babylon.
- 3) While everyone bowed when official Haman entered the palace, Mordecai did not bow, stating he was a Jew. This incident angered Haman, leading him to plot to kill not just Mordecai but all Jews. However, this backfired, resulting in his own death and the death of all who hated the Jews. This is the story of the book of Esther.
- 4) Through this, the story of Esther became a process of fulfilling God's important plan. Although they were in captivity, the Jews were still God's people, and He did not leave unpunished those who tried to kill them. Instead, by causing their deaths, He demonstrated who God is and who His people are to the world's greatest nation at that time.
- 5) A similar history occurred with Daniel. Those who tried to kill Daniel were thrown into the same lions' den from which Daniel had emerged alive due to God sending an angel, and they were all killed by the lions. It's the same message, and such events are recorded in many parts of the Bible.
- 6) Although they appeared to be under the curse of slavery and captivity, they were actually at the center of history, and all those who tried to kill them died. However, God's blessings came upon those who acknowledged these servants of God, and the problems of the age were resolved.
- 7) Today's story of Esther carries the same message. But it was Mordecai who led the entire story. He was a man of covenant who refused to bow to Haman until the end. (Esther 3:4-6)
- 8) Bowing to Haman probably carried some religious significance at the time. Mordecai was a person of God and a man of covenant who served only God. He must have known what would happen if he didn't bow, but he still refused.
- 9) He was a person who lived solely for God, risking his life, and naturally, problems were bound to occur. Those who live like this are bound to encounter troubles in the world. But God is with such people like this.
- 10) Those who have the covenant know God's plan and big picture for the future. This is their big picture. While Esther may have had it too, Mordecai likely had it to a greater and deeper extent.

That's why although Esther played a crucial role at a decisive moment, it was Mordecai who led the entire situation.

- 11) He told Esther not to reveal that she was a Jew when she entered the palace to be chosen as queen. He must have already known the overall atmosphere, the status of the Jews, and various other situations, and judged that it would be better not to mention it.
- 12) Verse 14: "For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
- 13) This is Mordecai's confession of faith. He was truly a person who believed that God would certainly save His people. It was never his intention to manipulate Esther for his own purposes. And it was even less his intention to curse Esther.
- 14) He led Esther according to his covenant and faith, and directed this entire situation. And eventually, everything concluded according to the covenant, which was God's will.
- 15) Those with a covenant and big picture can lead the field. It's not an exaggeration to say that the life or death of the field depends on this person. Their covenant becomes the fundamental of that field, and the big picture becomes the direction. This is how the big picture will be manifested in that field, and this is what it means to be a disciple and minister. Of course, this big picture belongs to God.
- 16) God has chosen such people in every age, giving them covenant, Word, and big picture to lead their field. And it all became God's plan, becoming a field where the Lord's will was fulfilled.
- 17) Before this takes place in the field, it enters your heart through faith as your big picture. And it becomes your covenant, prayer topic, and future. It also becomes your great hope, and frequently becomes your strength and healing.
- 18) This is a blessing for those who enjoy Christ. It's an amazing promise and privilege. May you once again have the blessing of entering into the blood of the promise. Then you can live a life like Esther, making life-risking confessions, or like Mordecai, commanding the field and living a life as a commander fulfilling God's will.
- 19) As you enjoy Jesus Christ, who is your covenant, the time schedule of all things being accomplished will take place. Life is simple. This is another conclusion of the Bible. Those who have found their answer in the covenant have no worries. You will have no worries if you truly desire for God to work in you.
- 20) Here lies healing, restoration, and conquest. That's why Jesus Christ is the solution to all problems. It's a Word that comes one day to those who enjoy Him. Colossians 2:3 says, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." The secret to discovering this is enjoying Jesus Christ and becoming a person of God's desire. Then these amazing hidden secrets appear before you one by one. May you become a person who fully enjoy all the promised blessings.