

- 5) Upon hearing that Haman is in the court, the king asks for him to be brought to him. Looking at **verse 6**, what question does the king ask Haman when he arrives?

- 6) Who, of course, does Haman think the king is referring to?

- 7) In **verses 7 through 9** Haman lays out an elaborate plan of how the king should honor the one in whom he delights. Record the details of Haman's plan.

- 8) One of the details in Haman's plan was to have this man that the king wanted to honor be paraded through the city square on a horse the king has ridden, dressed in a royal robe the king has worn. Look up and read the account of King David's instructions concerning his son, Solomon, in **1 Kings 1:28-35**. List some of the **similarities** you see between David's instructions and Haman's plan.

- 9) What might this tell us about Haman's ultimate desire?

10) After listening to Haman's plan, what does the king tell him to do in **verse 10**?

11) Look up and record the following verses below:

Proverbs 29:23 -

Matthew 23:12 -

James 4:6 -

12) We see God working in the background in amazing ways. Go back to the **beginning of the chapter** and record **every incident** you see where God's hand is **intervening** in the events of this night.

13) In **verse 11** we see a humiliated Haman carrying out the king's orders. Describe what Haman was ordered to do for Mordecai.

14) After these events take place, what do we read in **verse 12** that Mordecai does?

15) What does Haman do, and what do we read about his state of mind?

16) The attitudes of these two men could not be more different. Mordecai seems to be **unaffected** by this honor. He simply goes back “to work.” Haman, on the other hand is filled with humiliation and returns with his head covered in what the verse describes as “mourning.” David Guzik states concerning this verse: **“This means that Haman acted as if someone dear to him had died. In fact, his pride had been dealt a death-blow.”**

In contrast, Mordecai shows an attitude of **great humility**. What do the following verses say to us about humility?

Psalm 25:9 -

Psalm 147:6 -

Isaiah 57:15 -

James 4:10 -

17) The greatest example we can find of true humility is found in Jesus. Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. Record all the examples of Christ’s humility that we find in these verses.

18) Haman's greatest passion was to seek the honor of men. Read **Luke 17:9 and 18:9-14**. What do these verses tell us about what kind of attitude we should have?

19) This can be hard for us. If we're honest, we have to admit that we naturally want to be appreciated for something good that we've done and we often feel hurt and slighted when a good thing we've done goes unrecognized. How do these verses in **questions 17 & 18** speak to your heart and challenge you?

20) Looking at **verse 13** of Esther, chapter six, what did Haman's wife and friends say to him after he went home and told them all that had happened?

- 21) This statement is a bit surprising. After all, it was these very friends who, along with his wife, suggested that Haman make a gallows for Mordecai to be hung on. Now, upon hearing what has taken place, they basically tell Haman that he is a doomed man. But the words are prophetic. If God can speak through the mouth of a donkey, as He did in **Numbers 22:28**, then He can speak through these “friends” and Haman’s wife. **Proverbs 28:18** tells the truth about the fate of both Mordecai and Haman. What does it say?
- 22) Before Haman is even able to process these words being spoken to him, what does **verse 14** tell us happens “while they were still talking to him?”
- 23) What an amazing example we see here of **poetic justice** and **divine intervention!** As you reflect on the events of chapter 6 of Esther, is there a situation in your life that you can look back on and see how the hand of God has intervened? Is there an experience you can share?

24) God was working behind the scenes in every detail taking place in this chapter. But I'm sure none of the characters in this drama were aware at the time of God's hand directing the circumstances to fulfil His plan and purpose. Are you going through a situation in your life right now where you've been feeling like God isn't listening and doesn't care about what's going on? If so, how have the events of chapter 6 encouraged your heart?

25) What are you taking away from this lesson that is most important to you?