

## The Contrasting Passions of Two Kingdoms

Esther 5

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Introduction: The two kingdoms never agree and both desire followers. Only one kingdom is worthy of followers but sadly many fall into the trap of the world's empty promises. In Esther 5 we will see the two representatives of these two kingdoms in Esther and Haman. The danger for the true believer is to allow the evil kingdom to influence their thinking and their actions. The danger for the unbeliever is to continue to live for self guaranteeing tragedy ahead.

Observations:

- Prayer Directs Esther (v 1 – 8)
- Pride Directs Haman (v 9 – 14)

Applications:

- God's Kingdom Followers are consumed with others.
- Evil Kingdom Followers are consumed with self and destruction.
  - Self is only satisfied when it gets its way.
  - Self is only satisfied when others support its desires.
  - Self is only satisfied when it defeats others.