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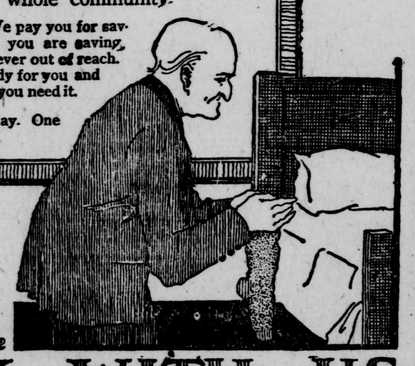

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LESSON FOR JUNE 17

ESTHER, THE PATRIOT QUEEN

LESSON TEXT—Esther 4:13-5:3.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther 4:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Esther, the Brave Queen.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What Esther Did for Her People.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Esther's Heroism.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—A study of Patriotism.

I. Esther Made Queen (Chapters 1, 2).

This drama took place in the Persian court, where Ahasuerus (Xerxes) sat upon his throne, surrounded by his princes and servants. Six months of festivity were drawing to a close, arranged by the king in order to impress upon the people of his mighty empire the fact of his greatness. The last days of this feast were marked with drunken debauchery. In a drunken frenzy the king commanded Vashti to come before the people to display her beauty. Vashti showed her independence by refusing to obey. She was instantly deposed. In providing a queen to take her place, the most beautiful maidens in the empire were brought together from whom the king might make a selection. The choice fell upon Esther, a maid of the Jewish captivity. The king did not know that she was a Jewess, but God knew, and He put her there for a purpose.

II. Haman's Plot Against the Jews (Chapter 3).

1. The Occasion of (vv. 1-6). For some reason Haman was given chief place over the princes. Though all bowed before him, Mordecai, Esther's cousin, stoutly refused to do so.

2. Its Nature (vv. 7-15). Haman desired to lay hands upon Mordecai for his insubordination, but hesitated. Instead of such drastic action he laid a plot to destroy all the Jews, and thereby take vengeance on Mordecai, who he learned was a Jew. He made the king believe that the Jews were an unprofitable people and induced him to order their annihilation, promising to bring into the royal treasury an enormous sum of money.

III. Haman's Plot Foiled (4:1-8:14).

1. Fasting Among the Jews (4:1-3). When Mordecai and his people perceived all that was done they put on sackcloth and ashes and cried to God.

2. Mordecai's Charge to Esther (4:4-14). He sent to Esther a copy of the decree and charged her to go before the king and make supplication for her people. Esther pointed out the difficulties in the way. Possible death awaited her should her uninvited presence not meet the approval of the king.

3. Esther's Daring Adventure (4:16-5:2). Mordecai pointed out to her that her own life was endangered. She might meet death by venturing into the king's presence. She would surely meet death were Haman's plot not foiled. When thus brought face to face with duty, the heroism which so frequently has characterized her race moved her to undertake the hazardous task and prayerfully carry it out. After three days of fasting and prayer she put on her royal apparel and stood in the king's court, winning his approval.

4. Esther Pleading for Her People (5:3-7:6). Esther knew that an easy way to the heart of the king was through his stomach, so she invited him and Haman to a banquet. She proposed a second banquet, at which she planned to make her request known. During the interval some strange things took place. A gallows was built upon which to hang Mordecai, at the heartless suggestion of Haman's wife. And the king, during a sleepless night, was moved to search the court records, where he found that Mordecai had not been rewarded for saving his life. So, in order to express his appreciation for this act of heroism on the part of Mordecai, he gave orders obliging Haman to do honor to the one he was preparing to hang. At the second banquet Esther pointed out Haman's wicked plot to kill the Jews and asked of the king that her people be saved. In his wrath the king ordered Haman hanged on the gallows which had been prepared for Mordecai.

5. The Counter Decree Issued (8:5-14). The original decree could not be reversed, so a counter decree was issued which enabled the Jews to defend themselves. This was dispatched to the furthest parts of the kingdom. At the appointed time there was great slaughter and the Jews were saved. God granted relief and the Feast of Purim was instituted as a memorial of their deliverance.

God's Plow.

The frost is God's plow, which He drives through every inch of ground in the world, opening each clod, and pulverizing the whole.—Fuller.

Brink of a Precipice.

Every lie, great or small, is the brink of a precipice, the depth of which nothing but Omniscience can fathom.—C. Reade.

Curses Like Chickens.

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