

“Lord of the Pageant”

Esther - The Unseen God Behind the Orphan Queen - Part 2

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The Ways of the World

I **John 2:15-16** (ESV - Emphasis added) – “Do not love **THE WORLD** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.”

1. The _____ of the king.

Esther 2:1 – “But after Xerxes’ anger had subsided, he began thinking about Vashti and what she had done and the decree he had made.”

2. A beauty pageant turned _____ .

Esther 2:2-14

3. A _____ victory.

Esther 2:15-18

Esther 2:17 - "And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti."

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS:

1. Only God knows the _____ from the beginning.

Philippians 1:6 - "... Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

2. God never compromises His _____ .

1 Peter 1:15-16 – "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

3. God is not just great; He's _____ .

Psalms 107:1 (Emphasis added) - "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is **GOOD**, for his steadfast love endures forever!