

The

HIDDEN

Don't Stop Reading
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Studies in Esther

The Problem

Mordecai and the Jews Have an Enemy

- **Haman:** The bad guy
- **Mordecai:** The good guy
- **Issue:** Mordecai won't bow
- **Problem:** Haman wants to kill them all!

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...” John 10:10

The Persecution

Haman Determines To Destroy The Jews

- His hatred
- His description: *“enemy of the Jews”*
- His request
- His permission
- His plan
- City’s response *“bewildered”*

John 16:33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble!"*

Jn 15:20 *"Remember 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."*

1Pe 4:4 *"They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you."*

1Tim 3:12 *"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted..."*

The Plan: Esther and Mordecai Respond to the Threat

- **Acted responsibly to do what they could**
- ***Refused to be immobilized by fear***
- ***Expected God to intervene***
- ***Acted in faith***

We don't BELIEVE because we KNOW...
We KNOW because we BELIEVE!

Reflections for Today

- ***You CAN'T stop reading in Chapter 3&4!***
- ***Stand in faith and expect God to move.***
- ***Trust God is doing right.***
- ***Understand God puts you where He wants you.***
- ***Remember you can ALWAYS ask God!***
- ***Don't ignore the light because of darkness.***

What Do You Need To Trust God For Today?