WOMEN'S STUDY IN ESTHER

Lesson 13 Chapter 9:19-10:3

As you read through Esther and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law". Psalm 119:18

Assignment: In the next week read through Esther, especially chapter 9-10:3. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions.

Questions:

- 1) Review: Summarize Esther Chapter by Chapter.
- 2) What did the Jews in the rural areas do (19) and why (look at previous verses)?
- 3) What do Mordecai do and then require (20-21)?
- 4) Explain in detail from 22 and the context of Esther why Mordecai "obliged them to celebrate" (20-21)?
- 5) What did the Jews "thus" do (23)?
- 6) Before you answer the next question, how does what you learned in chapter 3:7, 13 help us understand verse 24?
- 7) From 24-25 explain why the Jews did what they did in 23.
- 8) What did they do "therefore" in 26-27 and how was this summarized in 28?

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- 9) Is it important to remember what God has done? What the only observance we as the church are taught to observe in remembrance? What is to be remembered and proclaimed?
- 10) Explain again how God in His sovereignty and by His predetermined plan has turned Satan's evil plan for our ultimate good and victory. (Genesis 3:14-15, 12:3b, John 13:2, 26-27, Luke 22:47-54, Acts 2:21-24, 5:29-31, 10:42-43, Col. 1:19-22)
- 11) What did queen Esther do and what happened (29-32)?

- 12) How does the writer end the book in chapter 10? Why is Mordecai considered great (end of 10:3)? Do you seek for the good and welfare of the body of Christ? (See Phil. 2:1-4, Gal. 6:9-10, Heb. 13:16, 1 Peter 3:11, Titus 3:8)
- 13) God took Haman's wicked scheme in which he chose a day to destroy the Jews by lot (or Pur) and caused it to return on his own head, and the means was through a prayerful, submissive, courageous woman of faith who did what was right to save her people at the potential cost of her own life. Are you willing and ready to do the same, whether large or small, when "such a time is this" arises by the sovereign hand of God in the family, work, school or country, wherever the Lord has placed you?
- 14) Look at Psalm 146 and think about what you have seen in Esther.