



Esther 6 - A great reversal

- 1) How many examples of God's providence can you see here in chapters 6 and 7?
 - How, and in what, has that encouraged you to trust God this week?
- 2) Can you relate to Mordecai seemingly being overlooked (until now) for saving the king's life in chapter 2? How does what happens to Mordecai here (and passages like Matthew 6:1-4 and Colossians 3:22-24) encourage you in that?
- 3) God is clearly at work in bringing about this great reversal, but we also see Esther play her part as she boldly approaches king Xerxes.
 - How does knowing God is providentially at work in the world give you confidence to be bold in the way you live as a Christian?
 - Are there ways in which you can pray for each other to be bold in light of this, this week?

4) How do these passages help us see (and rejoice in) how this reversal points forward to an even greater reversal? (Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:14-15)

5) Whilst there is still unfinished business in the book of Esther (the edict against the Jews of Esther 3:13-14) we're left feeling more confident about the outcome because of what has happened here in chapters 6 and 7.

How are we able to trust God for the future with confidence as a result of the great reversal of the cross? (Romans 8:18 and 31-39 are helpful!)