**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY**

**ABOUT ESTHER?**

**Esther: Queenly Living, *10 Characteristics of a Godly Woman***

**1. Knows that She is Never Abandoned by God** He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.(Esther 2:7)

* And every day Mordecai walked…to learn how Esther was &what was happening to her (Esther 2:11)

**2. Consistently Practices Obedience** Esther had not made known her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had commanded her, for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him.(Esther 2:20)

**3. In an Unfamiliar Environment, Seeks Wisdom** she asked for nothing except what Hegai the king's eunuch, who had charge of the women, advised. (Esther 2:15)

**4. Faithfully Builds an Honorable Reputation** Now Esther was winning favor in the eyes of all who saw her. (Esther 2:15)

**5. Maintains a Compassionate and Loving Heart** When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. (Esther 4:4)

**6. Values Others More than Herself** Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, “Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. [14] For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:13-14)

**7. Understands Her Need for Divine Intervention** “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.” (Esther 4:16)

**8. In the Face of Fear, Acts Against Evil** On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. (Esther 5:1)

* Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” [6] And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” (Esther 7:5-6)

**9. Finishes What She Started** Then Esther spoke again to the king. She fell at his feet and wept and pleaded with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews. [4] When the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, [5] Esther rose and stood before the king. ... let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman … which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king.” (Esther 8:4-5)

**10. Leads and Acts for Righteousness** “If it please the king, let the Jews who are in Susa be allowed tomorrow also to do according to this day's edict.”(Esther 9:13)

* Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim. (Esther 9:29)