



*"Ya 'betz called on the God of Isra'el: 'Please bless me by enlarging my territory. May your hand be with me! Keep me from harm, so that it will not cause me pain.' God granted his request."* I Chronicles 4:10, Complete Jewish Bible

## ESTHER'S APPROACH TO RECLAIM GOD'S PEOPLE

The book of Esther is about a young lady who discovered her place in the kingdom of God. She served as the deliverer for the Jews. Haman, their arch enemy, falsely accused them of revolting against the king so a law was enacted to exterminate them. I believe II Peter 1:5-8 shapes the character Esther possessed to fulfill that challenge. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." In Greek, *add* means fully supplies; *faith* means persuasion; *virtue* means valor; *knowledge* means knowing; *temperance* means mastery; *patience* means endurance; *godliness* means holiness; *brotherly kindness* means fraternal affection; and *charity* means benevolence. When you overlay this scripture text over Esther's story, it looks like this. Chosen queen, she had the assurance of the miraculous deliverance of God's people by her hand. Her courage accepted full responsibility to make the appeal without shrinking back in fear. Her knowing showed her election was indeed born of God which gave her bravery to approach the king, even though she could have been put to death. She entered the king's presence without a formal invitation several times which validated her level of mastery. She overcame the fear of death when her wisdom presented the perfect time to make her appeal for her and her people to be spared. The integrity of her heart kept seeing no one higher than God, not even the king—her husband—who endorsed their execution unknowingly. She continued to display her selflessness so she was never proven disloyal. Her true desire to overthrow injustice was accompanied by her love to see God's people set totally free.

## YOUR FAITH PERFECTLY WORKS BY GOD'S LOVE

You might think how can Esther's story apply to you? Galatians 5:6 confirms that "Faith worketh by love." When our love is fervent, i.e., active, operative, powerful, and effectual, it activates our faith to manifest the promises of God, even if our situation is impossible. Faith and Love are the bookends for the rest of the character traits in II Peter 1:5-8. Let's start with the end in mind. **1.** Charity [love] *fully supplies* brotherly kindness: when you love what God loves and hate what God hates, he bends your heart in his direction to accommodate his good, acceptable and perfect will. **2.** Brotherly kindness *fully supplies* godliness: committed to restoring God's family to him—one at a time, you never breach your integrity as you confront back-to-back temptation. **3.** Godliness *fully supplies* patience: postured to never corrupt divine operations, you outlast every opposition by the discipline of obedience. **4.** Patience *fully supplies* temperance: your composure shows the character you possess to demonstrate your competency, so you do the right thing at the right time, right. **5.** Temperance *fully supplies* knowledge: your mastery validates you distinguish and shield your gifts from misappropriation. **6.** Knowledge *fully supplies* virtue: intimacy with the Holy Spirit allows him to choreograph every move, which removes any intimidation from completing your assignment. **7.** Virtue *fully supplies* faith: courage empowers your belief to only do what God commands, even in the face of fear. So now you can see how each dimension is added into the other; none of them lack anything because they are filled up as the deficiency occurs. Yes, filled with God's fullness. That's really reinforcement you can trust.

## TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, WHICH IS REALLY RIGHT SIDE UP

"...These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also," Acts 17:6 shows the influence of "world changers" while Revelation 11:15 describes the transference of power. "...For the kingdoms of this world are become [generated into] the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever." Don't give away your power.

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### Thought for Transformation

*The kingdom of God is within every believer. By prayer, we relentlessly use our authority in Christ to bring heaven on earth to transform our own world as God designed it to be.*

### Govern our Territory Well

*Job 38:33 asks, "Do you know the laws of the universe and how the heavens influence the earth?" By the law of faith. What spreads out in our hearts and streams out of our mouths becomes our reality, sculpting our world.*

### See the Godhead in your Mirror

*We are to be as we have been made. The Bible helps us mirror our Creator's image and likeness. Genesis 1:26-27, TLB, "Then God said, "Let us make a man—someone like ourselves, to be the master of all life upon the earth and in the skies and in the seas. So God made man like his Maker. Like God did God make man; Man and maid did he make them." Webster's 1828 edition defines master as "to execute with skill—conquer". Ditto!*

### You are in the God Class

*I use a daily confession from Bill Winston's teaching: I operate at the same level of my Creator. I'm capable of living independent of everything that exists on earth. I'm governor over the created realm. I produce both invisible and visible things. I have a kingly/ruler DNA.*