

### Lesson 3 Homework

1. In one phrase or sentence, summarize the main event of each paragraph in Esther chapter 3. This will help you determine the overall theme of the chapter.

3:1-6 (example: Mordecai refuses to honor Haman)

3:7-11

3:12-15

2. What reason does Mordecai give the king's servants for not bowing to Haman?
3. How does God describe Haman when He introduces him into the affairs of Ahasuerus's kingdom in 3:1?
4. One of the things you saw about Agag was that he was an Amalekite. The Amalekites came from Amalek, which those who have studied Exodus recognize as an enemy of Israel. Read Exodus 17:8-16, giving attention to verse 16. What do you learn?

Do you have enough information to give a plausible reason as to why Mordecai wouldn't bow to Haman, the Agagite?

5. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and list those things the Lord hates. Then put a star next to any that compare to what you have learned about Haman the Agagite so far.

### Application:

Think about the lessons of chapter 3. Is there a new idea that was introduced to you, or one that reinforced what you already know?

## Chapter 4

6. Would you say that there is a turning point in this chapter for both Mordecai (4:14, Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-16) and Esther (verses 15-17)? Explain.
  
7. One comforting theme of the book of Esther is the providence of God. How do you see this in chapter 4? Give specific examples from the text.
  
8. Esther's willingness to sacrifice herself on behalf of her people points us to the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. As believers, we no longer face the decree of death because of our sins—Jesus took on death for us. Read Jesus' words to the multitude that was following Him in Mark 8:34-38.

Do you see any parallels to the book of Esther?

### **Application**

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Where has God providentially placed you right now?