



Bad to the Bone

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³ in the third year of his reign he gave a feast for all his officials and servants. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were before him, ⁴ while he showed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor and pomp of his greatness for many days, 180 days.

Esther 1:3-4 (ESV)

(Ah-has-u-e-rosh)

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, and advanced him and set his throne above all the officials who were with him.

Esther 3:1 (ESV)

And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage.

Esther 3:2 (ESV)

Haman was filled with fury

Watch your _____

- The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. **Psalms 29:11 (NIV)**
- ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. **Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)**

But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these:

anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **Colossians 3:8 (NIV)**

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⁸ Then Haman said to King Xerxes, "There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people and who do not obey the king's laws; it is not in the king's best interest to tolerate them. ⁹ If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued to destroy them, and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business." **Esther 3:8-9 (NIV)**

⁷ Then Esther answered, "My wish and my request is: ⁸ If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said." ⁹ And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. ¹⁰ Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. ¹¹ And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. ¹² Then Haman said, "Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. ¹³ Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

Esther 5:7-13 (ESV)

What made Haman so angry when one man refused to kneel before him? He was full of pride!

God hates _____

The New International Version translates Proverbs 8:13 bluntly: To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

⁷ And Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸ let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. ⁹ And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king’s most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.’” **Esther 6:7-9 (ESV)**

Haman wanted to be just like the king, having everything the king had, to have people look at him as a king. He was _____ of the king.

A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.
Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)

The wrong things the sinful self does are clear: committing sexual sin, being morally bad, doing all kinds of shameful things, worshipping false gods, taking part in witchcraft, hating people, causing trouble, being jealous, angry or selfish, causing people to argue and divide into separate groups, being filled with envy, getting drunk, having wild parties, and doing other things like this. I warn you now as I warned you before: The people who do these things will not have a part in God’s kingdom.
Galatians 5:19-21 (ERV)

¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven *are* an

abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NKJV)

- Haman did all of these, he was “Bad to the Bone.”

My Next Steps Today Is To...

- Memorize Psalm 139:23-24
 - ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. **(NIV)**
- No be conformed to the world but transformed by God’s Spirit and the renewing of my mind.
- Ask the pastoral team to pray for me as I deal with _____.
- Ask Jesus into my life as I turn away from the world and toward God.