

LESSON 18: Party time! Esther 9:20-10:3

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Read John 3:16-18. How did God demonstrate His love for us?

What must we do in order to have eternal life?

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

Why are the condemned already condemned?

Read Romans 5:6-8. When Christ died for us, there were two conditions associated with that time, according to verse 6. What were they?

How did God show His love for us?

Read John 14:15-18.

What does Jesus tell us we will do if we love Him?

What will Jesus ask the Father to give to us?

According to verse 18, are we on our own here?

Read Matthew 6:25-34. According to Matthew, what is life not limited to?

Who provides the food for the birds?

Why should that comfort us?

Does God know the physical needs that we have?

What are we to seek after (two things) in verse 33?

If God knows these details about our lives, does He have an active or a passive interest in us?

Read Romans 8:31-39. If God is for us, can any charge stand against us?

A debt was owed; the only one who could pay it was Jesus. God did not withhold that payment from us in order to protect His Son, but He sent Jesus, the payment, for us. Knowing that God, the justifier, did not withhold His Son from us, but sent Him to pay the debt we owed, why should that give us confidence?

What can separate us from the love of Christ? (I count 16 things from verse 35-39)

As you spend time with God today, thank Him for the truth that we are never alone. Praise Him for His gift of the Holy Spirit to live in us and for the love poured out on us so lavishly by God when He sent His Son. Praise Him for His demonstration of His sovereignty in controlling all the details of Esther's life, and thank Him for the reminder that He is also in control of all the details in your life. Remember that God does not need use superheroes to save the day; He uses weak, vulnerable human beings who are obedient to His call. Ask Him to help you to draw nearer to Him, to be more obedient to His calling.