

"THE MAN WHO GOT COUGHT IN HIS OWN TRAP"
825 (HAMAN). Esther 7:10^{-Text} also Ps. 9:15, 16
Scripture Reading - Ps. 9: 13-20

I. The Character of Unbridled Iniquity.

(3:1)

1. Beginning with Pride as a result of advancement.
 - A. A promoted pip-squeak, surrounded by fawning sycophants.
 - B. Beware of the first signs of evil passions
 - C. A man of ambition and envy.
 - D. His character may have been above reproach previous to his promotion.
 - E. Why is it that many modern "so-called" scholars and philosophers are so madly opposed to Xty? — Certainly not because it encourages immorality or opposes progress. The real reason, admitted or not, is because the rel. of Xty pays no respect to their intellectual vanities.
2. Haman had no principles of his own and would not respect those of others. (3:2)
3. Notice his excessive anger and wrath. (3:6).
He thought only one man's life too mean a sacrifice.
4. He thought he could bribe his way with money. (3:9)
 - A. Material possessions and outward circumstance cannot make one happy.
 - B. There are as many sorrows under the crown of royalty as under the ragged caps of homeless
5. Given to drink in callous heartlessness in spite of the great wickedness done. 3:15
6. He had absolute success in his diabolical plans. (5:14)
when he thought himself secure he was nearest to his ruin.

II. The Certainty of Moral Retribution.

6:6-12

1. His exorbitant pride led to great humiliation.
"though the mills of God grind slowly
yet they grind exceeding small;
though with patience he stands waiting,
with exactness grinds He all."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

2. He was discovered publicly. 7:6-7

- A. opportunities go in a straight line, but the wrongs we do others go in a circle.
- B. see also Prov. 5:22 and 26:27

3. He was hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. (7:10)

- A. Robert Southey tells in a ballad how
Sir Ralph the Rover cut away Inch Cape Bel
and later perished with all his crew
upon Inch Cape Rock.

- B. See Hosea 8:7 ^{they sow the wind, and} they shall reap the whirlwind.

4. He brought disgrace & death to his sons. 9:13-14

5. Three Closing Observations

- A. The Wicked man cannot go unpunished

(Anne of Austria once said to Cardinal Mazarin, "My good Cardinal, God does not pay at the end of every week, nevertheless He pays.")

- B. He will be punished when he least expects it.

- C. He will be punished by means of his own devising.

- (1). Robespierre, who sent so many to the guillotine, had his own head chopped off by the very same horrid instrument. A peasant standing by said, "yes, Robespierre, there is a God!"

Jaco. G. (12) "The tissue of the life to be,
we weave with colors all our own,
And in the field of destiny
we reap as we have sown." (Gal. 6:7)

(story of Charles Crittenton)

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