INJUSTICE WILL BE PUNISHED

Introduction

When presented with the opportunity to stand up for God's justice, how do you respond ? Do you just "sit quietly" and do nothing or do you act on your faith and boldly step forward ? In today's lesson, Queen Esther gives us a model to use when we face threats of injustice.

Aim for Change

During this lesson, we will:

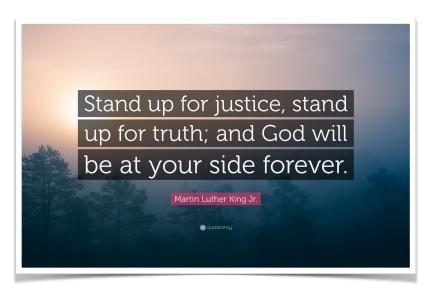
- Explicate the story of Esther as a triumph of justice
- Sense that treachery and wickedness will not win
- Choose to act justly in every situation with the assurance that good triumphs over evil

Scripture

Esther 7:1-10

Devotional Reading:

Luke 19:11-26



About Today's Lesson...

Lavish parties, intrigue, suspense, and a murder plot all characterize the setting and events that took place in the book of Esther. After being selected to replace the former queen, Esther became aware of a plot to kill all Jews in the entire empire of Xerxes, King of Persia. After hearing of this dire news, the distressed queen (herself a Jew) ultimately decided to put a plan in place to thwart the threat against herself and her people. Knowing the risks to her own life, Queen Esther nevertheless moved boldly forward with her plan in the name of justice.

"Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." (Esther 4:16, NLT)

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