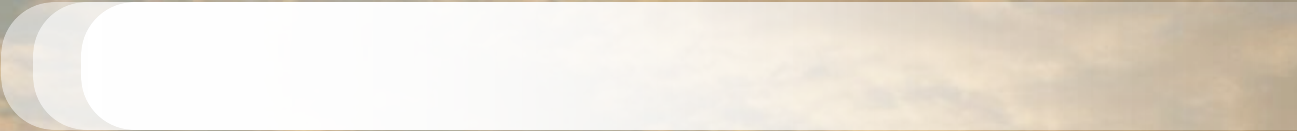


The Invisible Hand of God



Book of Esther
Part 1

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious – Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness & love

Lesson of Esther

God's Hand is both Invincible & Invisible

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God's silence ≠ God's absence

God is in FULL CONTROL



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See Daniel 4

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providentia

pro = before, ahead of time
videre = to see

So what about Esther?



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“But though the name of God be not in it [Esther], the finger of God is directing many minute events for the bringing about of his people’s deliverance.”

Matthew Henry

So what about Esther?

- ❖ **King Ahasuerus [Xerxes]**
 - *ay-HAS-eeoo-HER-uhs*
- ❖ **Queen Vashti**
- ❖ **Wicked Haman**
- ❖ **Cousin Mordecai**
- ❖ **Esther ['star']**

Uneventful beginnings...incredible endings

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*“And we know that **all** things work together for good to those who love God”*

Romans 8:28

Invisible Hand of God never rests

“He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

Psalm 121

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“If you see the oppression of the poor, and the violent perversion of justice and righteousness in a province, do not marvel at the matter; for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them.” Ecclesiastes 5:8