



Teacher

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Week Four

ESTHER

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CHAPTERS 9-10

Remembering God's Faithfulness

**Why study
Esther?**

Story that Almost Ended the Story

Esther 9:1 ESV

Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.

Esther 9:2-3 ESV

The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could stand against them, for the fear of them had fallen on all peoples. ³ All the officials of the provinces and the satraps and the governors and the royal agents also helped the Jews, for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them.

Esther 9:5-10 ESV

The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them. ⁶ In Susa the citadel itself the Jews killed and destroyed 500 men, ⁷ and also killed Parshandatha and Dalphon and Aspatha ⁸ and Poratha and Adalia and Aridatha ⁹ and Parmashta and Arisai and Aridai and Vaizatha, ¹⁰ the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, but they laid no hand on the plunder.

Esther 9:16 ^{ESV}

Now the rest of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also gathered to defend their lives, and got relief from their enemies and killed 75,000 of those who hated them, but they laid no hands on the plunder.

Why study Esther?

Story that Almost Ended the Story
Understand Purim Holiday

Rejoicing in Deliverance

Esther 9:17-18 ^{ESV}

This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth day they rested and made that a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸ But the Jews who were in Susa gathered on the thirteenth day and on the fourteenth, and rested on the fifteenth day, making that a day of feasting and gladness.

Remembering Deliverance

Esther 9:20-22 ^{ESV}

And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Remembering Deliverance

Esther 9:28 ESV

...that **these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation**, in every clan, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of these days cease among their descendants.

Remembering the
Lessons from Esther

Reality of **God's Presence**

Invitation into **God's Work**

Sovereignty of **God's Purposes**

Surety of **God's Deliverance**



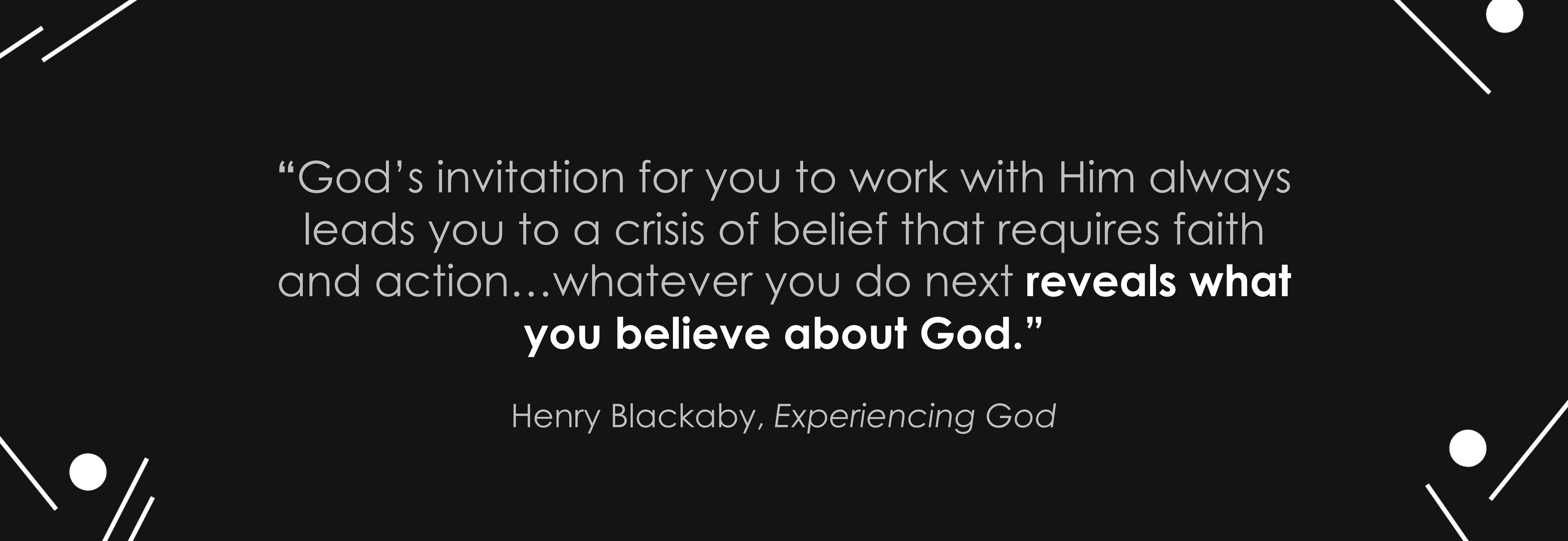
**Is it possible that God is
working when I can't see it?**



Reality of
God's Presence

God is present even when I
can't see or feel Him with me.

Where might God be present in my
life that I am not seeing right now?




“God’s invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action...whatever you do next **reveals what you believe about God.**”

Henry Blackaby, *Experiencing God*

Invitation into
God's Work

God is always at work and is inviting us to join Him in what He is doing.

Where can I join God in His work right where I am, right now?



“Our sovereign God will accomplish all His objectives with or without us. He calls us not out of His need for us, but for our need to find fulfillment in serving Him.”

Nelson's Old Testament Survey

Sovereignty of
God's Purposes

God is in control in all of my circumstances.

What do I need to be trusting God with in my life?



**God has done, is doing, and will do
whatever is necessary to deliver His people.**

“relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews”

- Esther 4:14

Surety of
God's Deliverance

God has accomplished and assures our deliverance through Jesus.

How can I live in the hope of God's promised deliverance?