

Esther Becomes Queen

Esther 2:1-18

King Ahasuerus was looking for the most beautiful unmarried woman in his country to be his wife, the queen. He told all the leaders to send the most beautiful, unmarried women to his palace.

Many beautiful young women came to the palace to see if the king would choose one of them as his wife. The women lived in a special place in the palace for one year. They were taught how to dress and the best way to fix their hair and makeup. They were given special lotions and perfume to make them even more beautiful.

One of the young ladies was Esther. Esther was beautiful, but the most important thing was that Esther loved God and wanted to please Him. The king's helpers in the palace especially liked Esther.

"Esther, you may have this special room to live in while you wait for the king to see you," said the person who was in charge of the ladies.

Finally, it was Esther's turn to meet King Ahasuerus. Her hair was fixed just so, and she used some of the special perfumes and lotions she had been given. The king liked Esther more than any of the other beautiful young women he had seen. In fact, the Bible says he loved Esther when he saw her.

The king put the royal crown on Esther's head so everyone would know she was the queen. "You will be my wife, the queen," he said.

The king wanted everyone to know that a new queen had been chosen. He planned a big feast to be held at the palace. He called it the "Feast of Esther" and invited all his leaders and servants. He call for a holiday in the entire country. The king did all of this in honor of Queen Esther, the young woman who loved God with all her heart.

Bible Verse to Learn

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all they heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37.

Esther was beautiful, but the most important thing about Esther was her love for God. She loved God with all her heart – that means she loved Him very much. And she loved Him more than she loved other people. That is how God wants us to love Him. The Bible says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart."