

Trust in the Lord

Last week we looked at the story of Joseph, and how God has all things in control, even though we don't understand why things happen the way they do. Today we are looking at another example of this, in the story of Esther.

Esther is an orphaned Jewish girl chosen by King Xerxes, to be his queen. The story revolves around King Xerxes trusted advisor Haman's plot to annihilate the Jewish people, which he convinces the king to approve. Risking her life, Queen Esther intervenes by revealing her Jewish identity to the king and exposing Haman's plot, leading to the protection of the Jewish people and Haman's downfall.

Though God is not directly mentioned in the book of Esther, His hand is seen throughout the story.

The book of Esther teaches us that God does have things in hand, even though we sometimes don't think so.

We are reminded of this in the book of Romans: *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

This gives us a sense of hope and assurance, even amidst difficult circumstances, because we know that God will bring about his purposes in our lives. This doesn't mean that we will necessarily understand what happens or why.

The book of proverbs instructs us: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5

And so may we trust in the Lord with all our heart, knowing that all things work for good for those who love Him, and even though we don't see things clearly at the moment, one day we will, and it will all make sense.