God Who Prepares

(Pride Goes Before a Fall)

Esther 1:1-22

Key Verse 1:20

1. Read v. 1-8. In what situation were the Jews while in Persia at that time? (Dan 9:1, Ezra 1:1-4) Who was Xerxes and how did he display the splendor and glory of his kingdom?
2. Read v. 9-12. Who was Queen Vashti? What was the king’s purpose when he brought her before him? Why did she refuse the king’s request? How did the king respond to her refusal?
3. Read v. 13-18. How did the king want to solve this problem? What was Memukan’s advice to the king? Why is pride dangerous in sustaining relationships? (Pr 16:18)
4. Read v. 19-22. What was the purpose of the deposition of the queen? How did the king establish order at home and in a nation? What can we learn from God’s sovereignty over human history through this event?