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it wasn't long ago that the jewish holiday of purim was celebrated. i don't know why the Lord is just now bringing this forth in me. i was certainly aware of purim at the time but did not feel the urgency to write about it. well. i feel it now.

i think all christians know the walk of the jewish people have been to serve as an example for us who follow. Jesus did indeed fulfill all the requirements of the law. (perhaps by making them more stringent on us who follow Him - by making "love" the requirement - love of even the unlovely.)

just as our Lord came to fulfill certain feasts, the triumphs and testing of the jewish people throughout the ages mirror a fulfillment in the body of Christ, joint and individually as well. purim was one of those as well. it was a time when a man sought to destroy the jewish people and deliverance came through one who was willing to sacrifice their all to save God's people. in these days now many are trying to silence people of faith, even to the point of jail and death.

that is when esther chose to go before her king unrequested. i don't think most people nowadays, especially here in america, know the power and fear of one who could easily have you slain with a word. that is what esther faced when she entered her king's presence. she was urged on by this message from her loved one: "if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house

will perish. yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" esther 14:14

that last statement has rang throughout the ages in hearts of believers. yes, if i will not, God will certainly find one willing. who knows whether we have come to this here and now, "for such a time as this".

our task may not be to save a kingdom. it may be to save only one soul that is lost and dying and headed to a fearful fate eternally. it may be to witness of the glory that is to come and the fate of those who miss it. it may be to exhibit the power of the "greater works" works spoken of by Jesus in john 14:12. it may be to show His mercy by feeding a hungry soul. perhaps with enlightenment, perhaps with bread itself.

i believe it is a question each believer has had to ask and answer for themselves throughout the ages, whenever they were born. "why am i here now and what is my purpose?" i believe it is a question we all have to ask ourselves now. perhaps in the asking of it each day, we find a new answer. we find the answer when we take the question to God.

"for such a time as this". it has been the topic of books and such often. it has been a favorite closing signature of mine for years. it is still a question needing an answer from each of us.

"He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings." acts 17:26 that means we are all

appointed for this time and place. if He has told you to move, then move to your appointed place, but this is your appointed time.

you must determine between your God and you as to what is your appointed task. by His grace and your will, you will accomplish it. it takes both. we come to Him in surrender first. "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ". phil 1:6 then i have no doubt of the outcome.

you will be "possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation". 2 cor 9:8 ampc that's the word of God for each of us in this time and place. to those of us chosen to live in this time: the end of this age. "you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 pet 2:9

i saw this simple, beautiful song on youtube the other day. view if you wish and enjoy. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXcJUIAJNW0>

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