

SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

Text : Esther 6

Title : The Turning Point

Introduction

Past events with present consequences (2:19-23)

1. A Chain of 'Coincidences' (6:1-5)

- The king happened to have a sleepless night (v. 1)
- The king's servants happened to read out a section of the annals (v. 2)
- Mordecai happened not to have been rewarded for his loyalty (v. 3)
- And at that point Haman happened to turn up (vv. 4-5)

2. Haman's Humiliation (6:6-14)

- Haman's obsession with his own glory (v. 6)
- Haman's extravagant proposal... (vv. 7-9)
- ...which he then has to enact for Mordecai (vv. 10-11)
- The foreboding of Haman's family (vv. 12-13)
- And then Haman is whisked off to Esther's second feast (v. 14)

3. Really?

- The odd blend of humour and horror in Esther 6: just in the nick of time!
- Do things always work out so neatly?
- What should we take away from this chapter?

Conclusion

'Divine-human synergism'