

Worship Material
Right person, right place, right time
Material from Roots Bible Study
Sunday 29th September

Begin with an opening prayer

Loving God, you open the way
for us to hear your voice
and to do your will.

Give us your strength,
your courage, your presence,
so that we may respond
in word and deed
and be your people for your purposes,
through Jesus our Lord
who gave his all for us.

Amen.

Read Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22

Bible notes

King Ahasuerus of Persia was invited to a grand meal by his wife, Queen Esther. His second-in-command, Haman, came with him. Both Haman and Esther were keeping secrets from the king. Haman had taken money from the king and spent it on a plot to wipe out the Jewish population of Persia. He had done this in the king's name. Esther's secret was a little different: she was hiding the fact that she was Jewish. She hadn't told anyone because she was afraid. The Jewish people had come as prisoners to Persia. Esther had been chosen to be queen because the king got rid of his previous queen. Her husband, King Ahasuerus, was a harsh and powerful man, and Esther didn't want to upset him. She asked all the Jewish people to pray and fast before she revealed her secret to the king. Esther was determined to be brave because the Jewish people needed God's protection.

Prayer

God of our deliverance,
thank you for sending those who have been in the right place
at the right time to help us in our hour of need.

Thank you for all those people of courage who risk their lives to serve others.
Help us too to be brave
and to be people who take a stand for truth and grace.
For your name's sake
Amen.

A prayer to conclude

May we listen for God's call,
know his strength,
see where he is leading us,
be faithful in doing his work
and make way for his kingdom.
Amen.