



I was thinking about Queen Esther and how she petitioned the King on behalf of her people. It's time for us to petition our King on behalf of our people.

Esther 5:1-3 "On the third day, Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter."

There is so much in these Scriptures, (she put on her royal robe because she became royalty when she married the King, she knew who she was and whose she was), the King saw her standing; Are you standing? Having done all to stand, stand therefor? He was pleased with her; Are we living to please man or the Lord?

Then the King asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."

Scepter in the Hebrew is sh ' -vet and is translated 'mark of authority'. When she touched the tip of the scepter, she in the Hebrew nâga , naw-gah'; which means to touch, i.e. lay the hand on (for any purpose; euphemistically; by implication, to reach (figuratively, to arrive, acquire); violently, to strike (punish, defeat, destroy, etc.):—beat, (be able to) bring (down), cast, come (nigh), draw near (nigh), get up, happen, join, near, reach (up), smite, strike, touch, etc.

She withdrew the authority, the power to violently defeat her people's enemy.

This also brought punishment upon him (the wicked).

This is different than the word touch we see in Matthew 9:20: And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment. This word touch in the Greek is hä'p-t which means to adhere to, to fasten to, to kindle, to set on fire.

Both Queen Esther and the Woman with the issue of Blood touched something and withdrew what they needed. I am reminded of this Scripture... James 4:3 When you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your pleasures...another translation says lusts in lieu of pleasures...

If we would be like the woman with the issue of blood and adhere to, fasten ourselves to the Lord, kindling the flame of fire within us for Him; so much so, we don't know where He ends and we begin, and do as Queen Esther touching and withdrawing in prayer our authority to lay hands on, to strike violently and penetrate the kingdom of darkness... that is a combined force to be reckoned with in prayer.

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

There are some things you're going to have to take by force like Queen Esther's tapping into the authority and by force I mean pressing pass the crowds like the Woman with the issue of Blood to withdraw virtue. In Luke 8:46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. That word virtue in the Greek is dü'-nä-m s which means: strength power, ability, inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth, power for performing miracles, the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth, power and resources arising from numbers, and I love this one: power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts.

When the Lord says He will make your enemies your footstool... He wasn't kidding.

We have to ask ourselves; who do we adhere ourselves and attach ourselves to?

Who are we touching? When it comes to prayer and prayers not being answered, I have seen over the years Christian's not wanting to submit to the 'dying to self process' and not taking the time to truly find out what the will of God is for them and begin praying that out.

It's not a game of eenie-meenie miney mo folks...

Many will pick something and when God doesn't give it, they go to the next model, be it house, car, or spouse... the Lord won't release it if He hasn't authorized it.

He holds the Scepter of Authority, He and His Word are our authority, and it's up to us to touch it and tap into that same authority not only in will, but in power to withdraw.

Queen Esther was prepared well before she went to the King.

She knew what her assignment was... and when she fasted and prayed and went before the King, her request was granted. This is what we need to do, be prepared (inner spirituality and outer preparations), fast (so we can hear clearly from God), pray; go to God and withdraw virtue to perform that very thing that He gave us a revelation that it belongs to us.

"For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

The word 'time' in this Scripture isn't what we find in other places such as chronos- time, a particular time, season and kairos- a fitting season, season, opportunity, occasion, time.

This 'time' found in Esther 4:14 comes from the root word ä-dä' and means perpetuity, for ever, continuing future, for ever (of future time), for ever (of God's existence), duration, in the sense of advance or perpetuity; (a thing that lasts forever or for an indefinite period, in particular. the state or quality of lasting forever.) eternity, ever(-lasting, -more), old, perpetually, world without end.

There was an eternal weight upon Queen Esther's assignment... as there is for you and I. Lord, don't just bring us to and through our chronos and kairos moments; bring us to our ä-dä'. <3