

WORD 2022

Fathers

Atmosphere – Awareness - Anticipation

Mothers

Investment – Involvement - Interaction

Look Around!

You

ATMOSPHERE OF PREPAREDNESS

Atmosphere – Awareness – Anticipation

- A surrounding influence or environment (Webster Dictionary)
- Do we pray and believe for something beyond the ordinary ???

Questions, Questions and More Questions???

Do Not Worry Parents – Your Children Were Born For Such A Time As This

Sunday October 2nd – Devotional Daily – He brings life out of broken things!

Excerpts from “You Were Made For This Moment” *Max Lucado*

Sovereignty and Greatness of Our God!!!!

- **Isaiah 40:25** "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One. NLT
- **Exodus 15:11** "Who is like you among the gods, O Lord— glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, NLT (Moses Announced)
- **Psalms 89:6** For who in the skies is comparable to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the Lord, NASB

Job 12:7-10 "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you. 8 Speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea tell you. 9 Every one of these knows that the hand of the Lord has done this. 10 The life of every creature and the breath of all people are in God's hand. NCV

As Augustine prayed: What then are you my God? What, I ask, except the Lord God. For who is the Lord besides God? Or who is God besides our God? — Most high, most good, most powerful, most omnipotent, most merciful and most just, most secret and most present; most beautiful and most strong; most stable and incomprehensible; unchangeable (yet) changing all things; never new, never old; making all things new, and bringing the proud to (the collapse of) old age; ever acting, ever at rest; gathering, and not needing; carrying and filling and protecting (all things); creating and nourishing and perfecting; seeking, though you lack nothing.¹

The next time you feel the weight of the world, talk to the One who made the world. As our perception of God grows greater, the size of our challenge grows smaller.

The Sovereignty of God and the Book of Esther

- The King's Banquet – Esther 1:1-9
- Queen Vashti's Refusal - 1:22
- Replacing Vashti – 2:1-4
- Mordecai and Esther – 2:5-7
- **Esther 2:10** Esther had not told anyone of her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so. (more later)
- Taken to the King – 2:12-18
- **Esther 2:19-23** Even after all the young women had been transferred to the second harem and Mordecai had become a palace official, **20 Esther continued to keep her family background and nationality a secret. She was still following Mordecai's directions, just as she did when she lived in his home.**
- Mordecai's Loyalty to the King 2:21-23
- Haman plots against the Jews – Esther 3:1-15
- Torn clothes, sack cloth and ashes, crying out, fasting, lamenting and weeping – **4:1-3**

- Mordecai Explains the situation – 4:7-8
- **4:8-9 - He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. 9 So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai's message.**
- **It could cost me my life! - 4:10-12**
- **13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" NLT**
- Esther 4:16 I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die. NLT

3 Keys from Esther 4:14

- 1. “For if you remain silent at this time,”**
- 2. “Relief and deliverance for the Jews will arrive from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish.”**
- 3. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they’re in. Their life wasn’t a coincidence or an accident.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God’s sovereign plan.

God isn’t scratching His head wondering what He’s going to do with this mess of a world.

He has an army He’s raising up to drive back the darkness and to make Him known all over the earth.

