Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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What happened to the personal, religious, and cultural enemy of Mordecai and his family?

Queen Esther and Mordecai established a new festival to commemorate this victory in perpetuity. What was its name and what does the name represent? (Esther 9:30-32)

Three prayers are given at the feast of Purim when a minyan present:

- A prayer to thank God (Jehovah) that they are counted worthy.
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- A prayer to thank Him that they have lived to enjoy another festival.

Though this book does not mention God, it clearly shows God's providence and our part in conforming to His will. (Ephesians 1:11-14)

As Mordecai was elevated by the king, at the appropriate time, God will elevate those who love and obey Him to a position of honor and service. (Genesis 41:41-43; Esther 8:1-2; Esther 10; Luke 21:28; Philippians 2:9)

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