

ESTHER



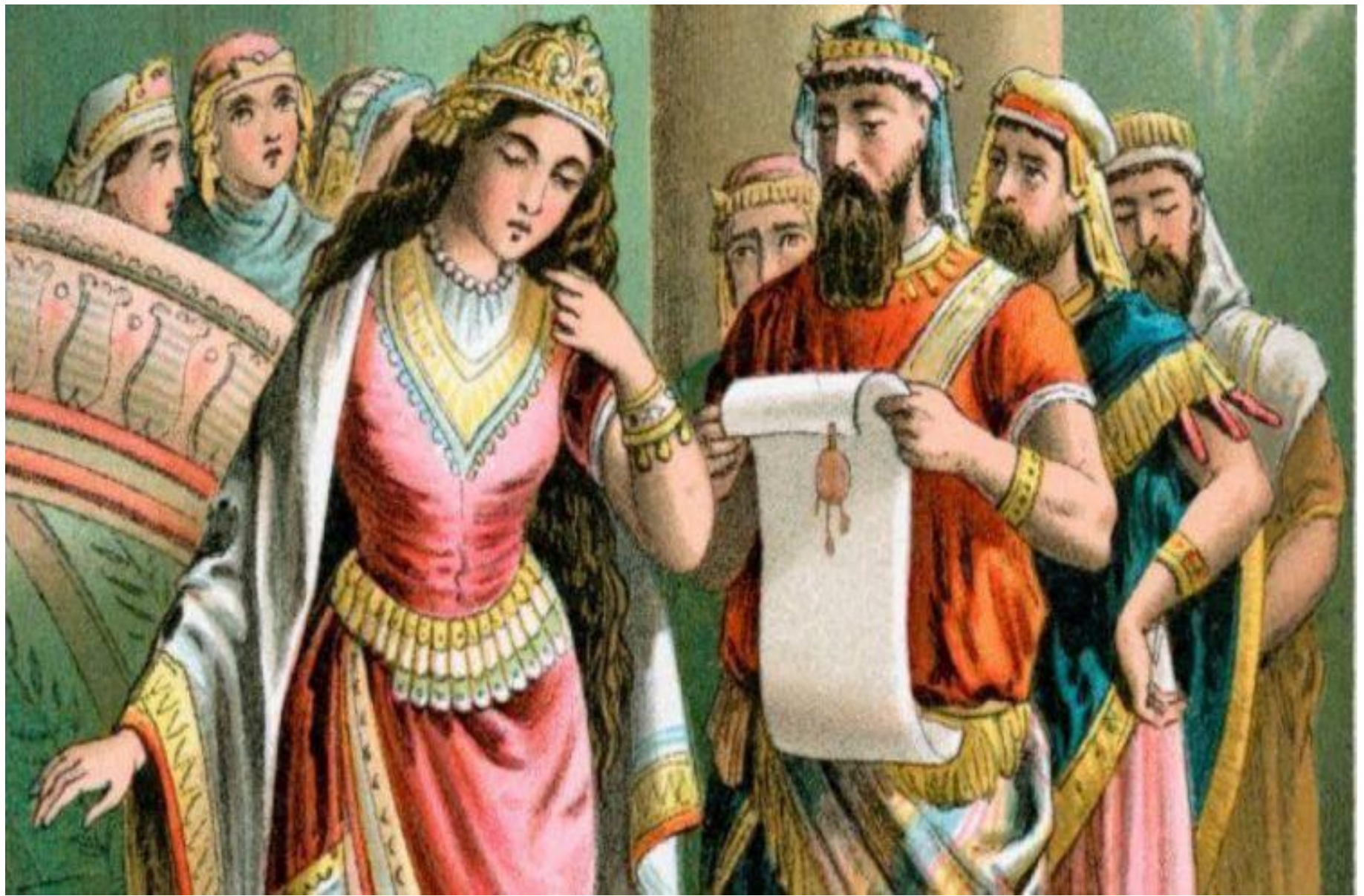
THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE 4-6TH CENTURY B.C.

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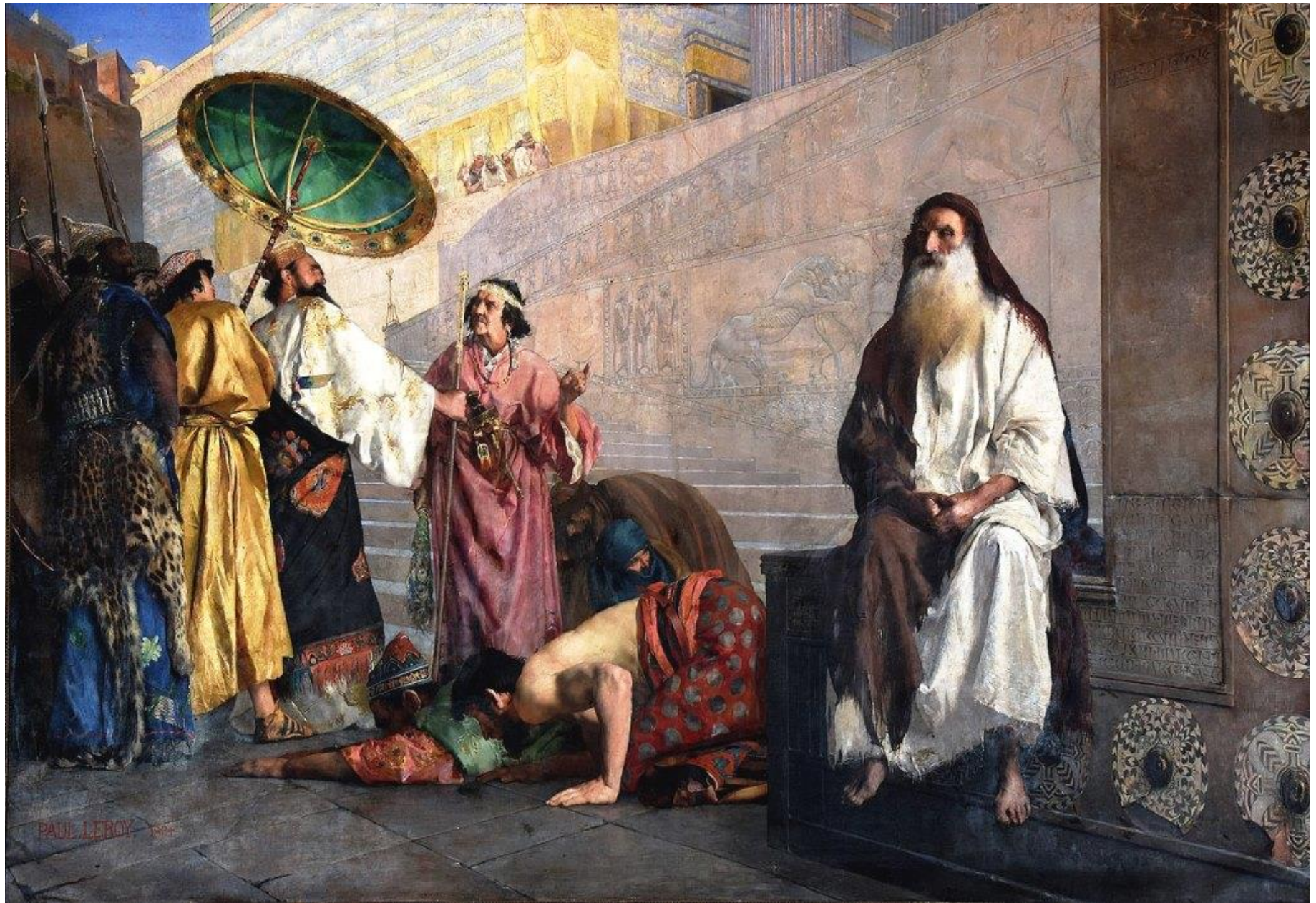
**King Ahasuerus (King Xerxes I)
reigned 486BC-465BC**



King Ahasuerus (Xerxes I) dethrones Queen Vashti (Amestris)



King Xerxes 1 crowns Esther (Hadassah) as his new queen



Mordecai refuses to bow to Haman




Haman misleads King Ahasuerus

Mordecai trusts that God will not allow His people to be destroyed.

And we are going to see that Esther agrees to help the Jews.

v1 Mordecai learned:

- 1. Decree**
- 2. Date of destruction**
- 3. The money**

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**How do you react when
something bad happens to you?**

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- 1. Anger**
 - 2. Turn to God**

How are our actions affecting others?

1. Positive affect

2. Negative affect



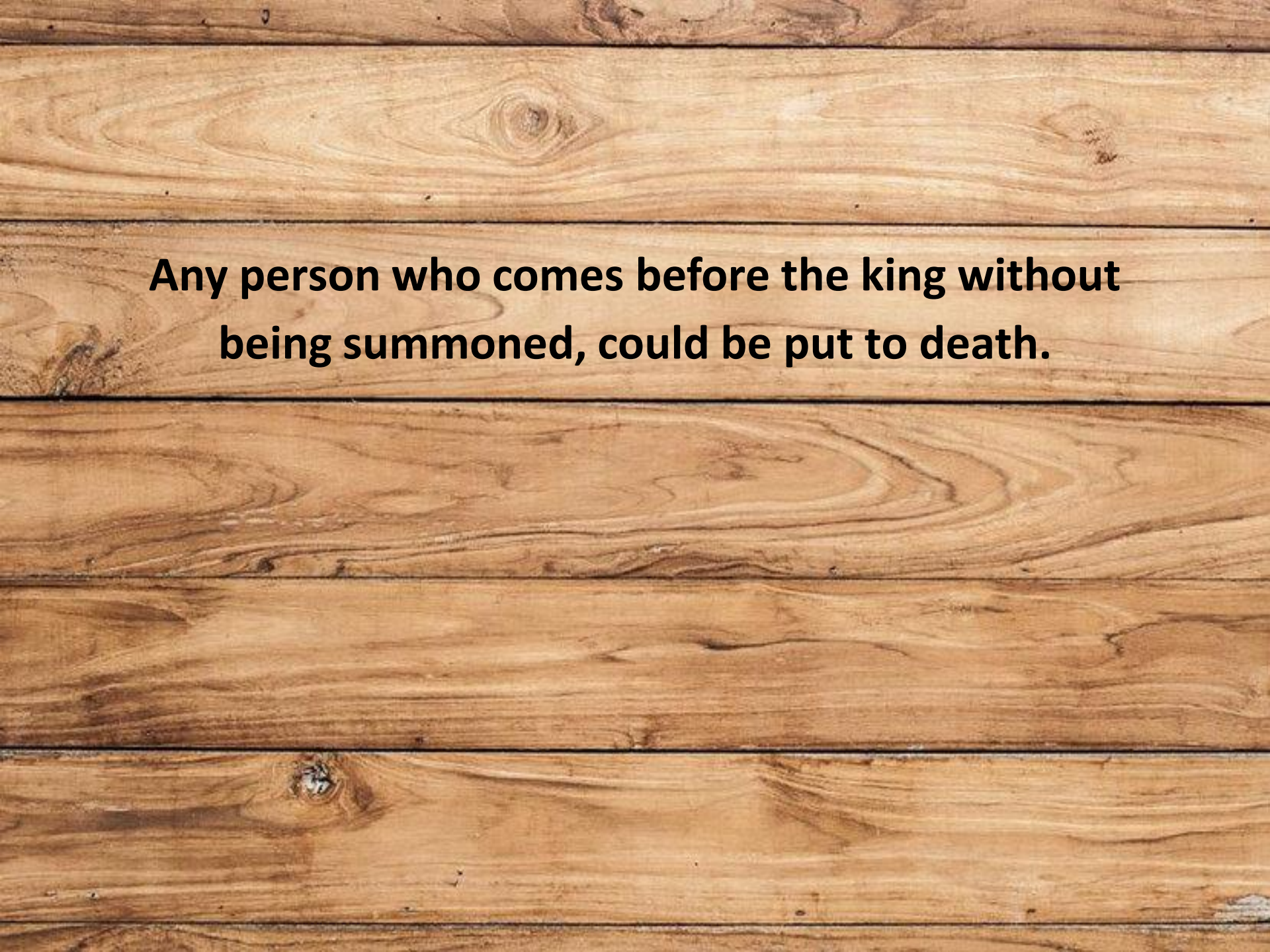
Esther talks with Mordecai through the messenger Hathach



**In the trials of our lives
where do we go for help?**

We go to our Savior.

Hebrews 4
Philippians 4

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**Any person who comes before the king without
being summoned, could be put to death.**

So Mordecai is going to tell Queen Esther three things:

- 1. She will not escape**
- 2. If silent, help from another place**
- 3. Not an accident, she is in the position.**

The promises God has for us:

- 1. Promise of eternal life – John 10:28**
- 2. Home in heaven with Him – John 14:1-6**
- 3. New glorified body – Phil. 3:20-21**
- 4. Rewards for faithful service – 2 Cor. 5:10**

Application

- 1. Realize that our lives affect others.**
- 2. Realize that God has raised us up for a purpose.**
- 3. How do we respond to the trials in our lives?**
- 4. Remember that God keeps His promises.**