

THE SECRET OF THE CHAMBERLAIN

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The day that Esther was crowned Queen of Persia, there were hundreds if not thousands of other women, wondering why they were not chosen instead of Esther. What did Esther have that they didn't? What did Esther know that they didn't know? What was Esther's secret? None of them understood why Persia's powerful king chose an unknown foreigner as queen, even rejecting the daughters of Persia's finest.

The Bible tells us that "God is no respecter of persons." God loves each and every one of us the same. However, God does play favorites. God is not a respecter of persons but He is a respecter of character. There are certain things that cause a person to gain favor in the eyes of the king. There are certain things that foster intimacy with divinity.

The story of Esther teaches us many things but the think I want to focus on today is her relationship with the king's chamberlain.

Est 2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

As a chamberlain, Hegai had privileged access to the inner chambers of the king. He understood in great detail the temperament of the king. He knew his likes and his dislikes and how and why he thought the way he thought. He was closer to the king than just about anyone else. He was somebody the king could trust to look over and take care of those with whom the king desired to be intimate with.

What was Esther's secret? She listened to the kings' chamberlain. She had a teachable spirit. She knew what it was to submit herself to someone else's authority. She learned the value of having a mentor in her life.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

If we want to be accepted by the King, we must obey and submit to the authority that God has placed over us. Why? Because they watch for our souls. They know the King and what He wants and what He likes, and those who are wise, understand this and learn the secrets of the King's chamberlain.