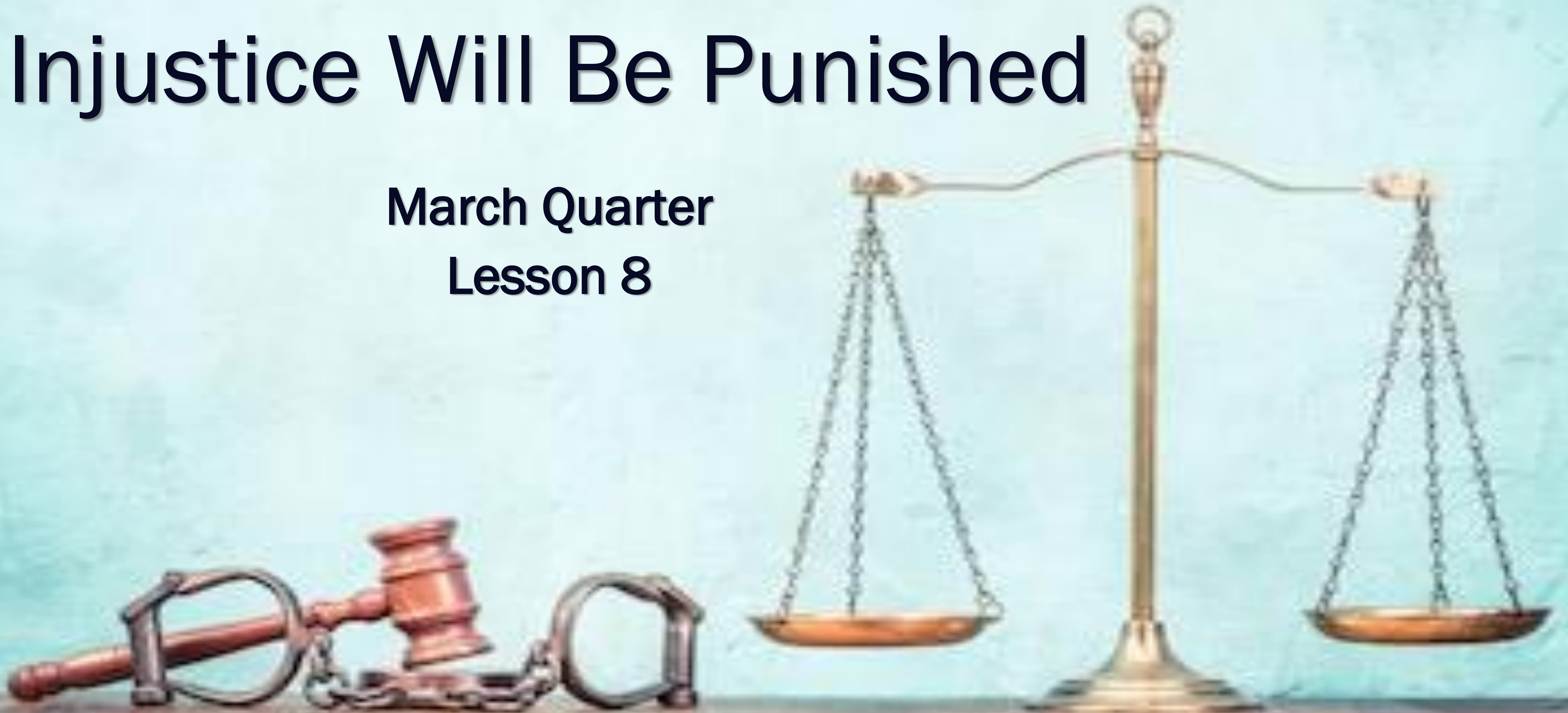


Injustice Will Be Punished

March Quarter
Lesson 8



OPENING QUESTIONS



- *How do you stand up for God's justice?
Identify when you did not stand up for justice.*

Esther 7:1-3

- **Esther 7:1** So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet.
- **2** On this second occasion, while they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "Tell me what you want, Queen Esther. What is your request? I will give it to you, even if it is half the kingdom!"
- **3** Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor with the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my request, I ask that my life and the lives of my people will be spared.

Esther 7:4-6

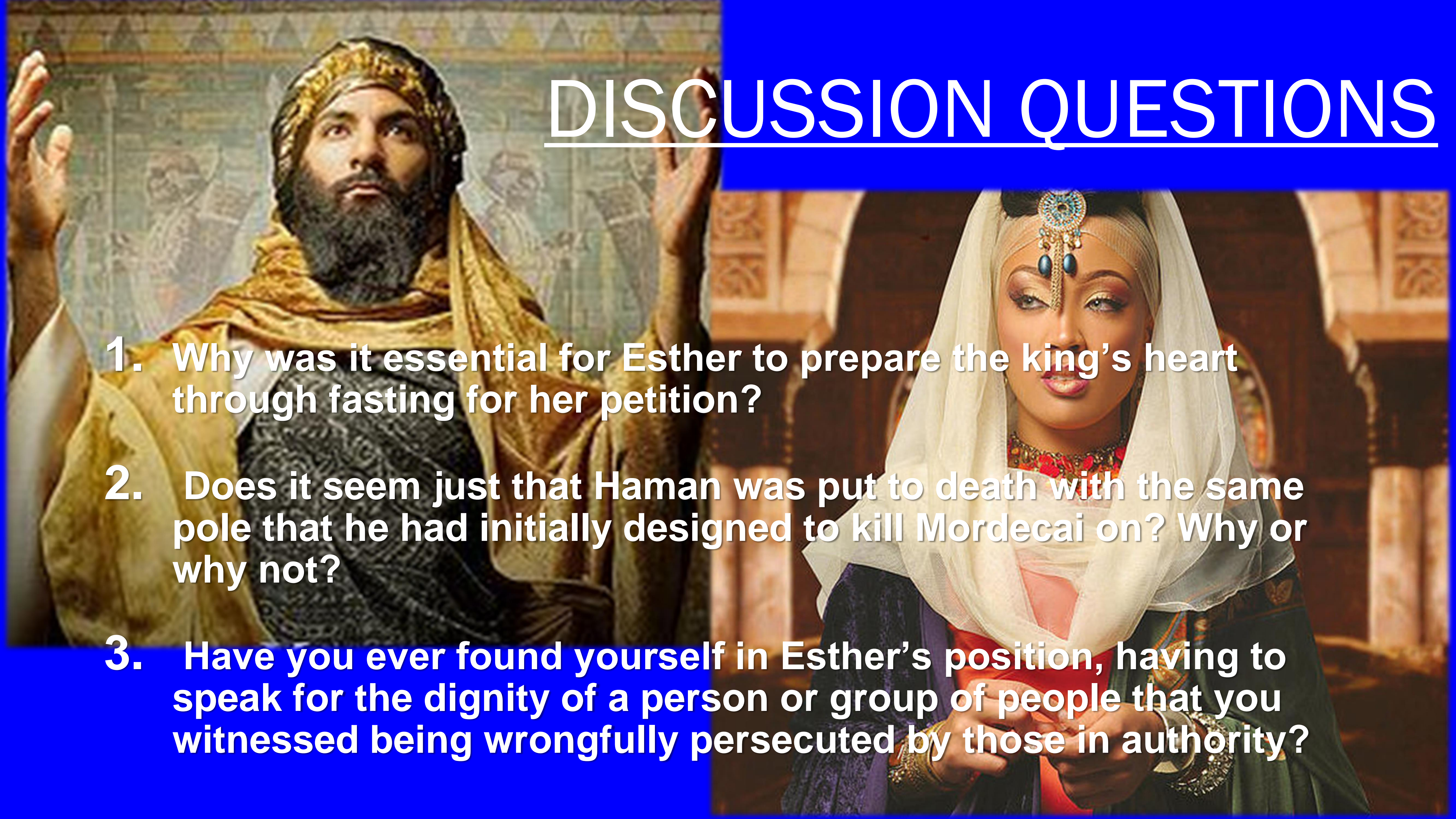
- **4** For my people and I have been sold to those who would kill, slaughter, and annihilate us. If we had merely been sold as slaves, I could remain quiet, for that would be too trivial a matter to warrant disturbing the king.”
- **5** “Who would do such a thing?” King Xerxes demanded. “Who would be so presumptuous as to touch you?”
- **6** Esther replied, “ is wicked Haman is our adversary and our enemy.” Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen.

Esther 7:7-8

- **7** Then the king jumped to his feet in a rage and went out into the palace garden. Haman, however, stayed behind to plead for his life with Queen Esther, for he knew that the king intended to kill him.
- **8** In despair he fell on the couch where Queen Esther was reclining, just as the king was returning from the palace garden. The king exclaimed, “Will he even assault the queen right here in the palace, before my very eyes?” And as soon as the king spoke, his attendants covered Haman’s face, signaling his doom.

Esther 7:9-10

- **9** Then Harbona, one of the king's eunuchs, said, "Haman has set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall in his own courtyard. He intended to use it to impale Mordecai, the man who saved the king from assassination." "Then impale Haman on it!" the king ordered.
- **10** So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why was it essential for Esther to prepare the king's heart through fasting for her petition?**
- 2. Does it seem just that Haman was put to death with the same pole that he had initially designed to kill Mordecai on? Why or why not?**
- 3. Have you ever found yourself in Esther's position, having to speak for the dignity of a person or group of people that you witnessed being wrongfully persecuted by those in authority?**

APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION



- **As you find yourself witnessing the continued marginalization of individuals in this country, seek out and support organizations using their platform to elevate and alleviate the plight of the marginalized.**
- **Secondly, continue praying for and voting for elected officials who will attempt not to harm and oppress the least of these but will establish and fight for policies that will make their lives better.**
- **Lastly, through prayer and fasting, bring all your cares and worries regarding how people are treated to God and trust that God will bring forth justice and righteousness.**