

Beyond Us

Cheap Grace and Casual Giving

2 Samuel 24:24-29

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Introduction: Just as Esther was in a position of privilege, so are we in our generation. God calls Esther to see beyond her own time and invest in the lives of those not yet born. Are you educated and literate? Do you have clothing, shelter, a car, a cell phone? Then you are among the world's wealthy. Why has God entrusted you with the privilege of wealth and resources? For Such a Time as this. God has sovereignly raised you up, to see beyond our own time and invest in the future. Like Esther, we're a part of something much larger than our little corner of the world. It's no accident that you live in this time and place in history. May we be found faithful and steward this season well." (Adapted from Randy Alcorn's book, "The Treasure Principle")

Review: Did God provide you with a new/increased incentive for generosity?

Read: 2 Samuel 24:24-29

Prayer: Father, help us to read this text with understanding for our own lives. Amen

Discussion:

1. Why did king David want to buy the threshing floor of Araunah? (See v 18).
2. What was David's response to Araunah's generous offer? What was his reason for refusing the offer?
3. How was the price for the threshing floor and the oxen determined? Did God set the price? Did David the king pay a fair price?
4. After the purchase, David built an altar and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. What was the result?

Application: This week acknowledge that you have been bought with a price, a high price, not cheap.

Prayer: Father, thank you for the costly grace which has been showered upon us in Jesus. Amen