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Today's lesson comes as a reminder that the standard of Christianity is not accepted in our fallen world. There are many that are around us that do not like what we stand for. And just like we will find in the story today many can become openly hostile toward God and anyone who follows Him.

Today we go to chapter number three beginning in verse #5 when Haman finds out that Mordecai is a Jew, he is so mad. As a matter of fact, verse five says that he was filled with wrath and verse 6 tells us that he then sought to destroy all of the Jews who were in the whole Kingdom. Later in chapter 5 Hayman believes that he is going to be highly rewarded by the king but then he sees Mordecai who does not bow down before him and once again according to the Word he is filled with indignation.

The carnal world that we live in is self-serving, self-indulgent, narcissistic, self-promoting, etcetera, you get the idea. This should come as no surprise. The surprising part is that just like Hayman the godless world wants to totally destroy Christianity.

So, what does all of this mean to us today? It means that more than ever before we must remain stable in our faith, consistent in our witness, and diligent to watch for danger. We should always rest in the safety of God but also be on the lookout for satan's snares. Our Christian life needs to be one of consistency which is lived before others as an example of the peace that comes from serving God. The stability that we find in our faith is desperately missing in the world around us. As we become believers who are more and more stable all the time, the world around us will take notice that there is something different about us. Of course, this all comes from our personal relationship with God. So today, let me encourage you to take steps that will solidify your faith and belief system. Take steps today that will make your relationship with God more solid than ever before. Ask Holy Spirit to guide you in your search and then take a few moments to write down the results of your conversation with God and his Holy Spirit today.

May God bless you today. May you sense the guidance of His Holy Spirit. My prayer for you is that your fasting will be effective, and you will take another step closer to His presence this day!

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