

So Haman came in, and the king said, "What should I do to honor a man who truly pleases me?" Haman thought to himself, "Whom would the king wish to honor more than me?" So he replied, "If the king wishes to honor someone, he should bring out one of the king's own royal robes, as well as a horse that the king himself has ridden—one with a royal emblem on its head. Let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. And let him see that the man whom the king wishes to honor is dressed in the king's robes and led through the city square on the king's horse. Have the official shout as they go, 'This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!'"

Esther 6:6-9 (NLT)

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN PLAYING HIDE & SEEK WITH GOD

1. THE NATURAL TENDENCY OF THE HUMAN HEART IS TO _____

*Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. **Genesis 2:25 (NLT)***

*When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. **Genesis 3:8-11 (NLT)***

A. Why do we hide?

1. We hide because we don't feel good about what we've _____ (Past)
2. We hide because we don't feel good about who we _____ (Present)
3. We hide because we don't feel good about what we are _____ (Future)

*Pride only leads to arguments, but those who take advice are wise. **Proverbs 13:10 (NCV)***

2. GOD IS NOT LIMITED IN HIS ABILITY TO REVEAL THE _____

*"But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the Lord; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out." **Numbers 32:23 (NIV)***

*Jesus - "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **John 8:32 (NIV)***

*Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. **Romans 12:19 (NIV)***

3. BECAUSE OF THE GOSPEL, WE DON'T HAVE TO _____

*Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. **Psalms 32:1-5 (NLT)***

*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. **Colossians 3:1-3 (NLT)***

*Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed. **Proverbs 16:3 (AMP)***