

Food for thought before the service:

Haman said of his riches and honour, “Yet all this avails me nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate”..

May we, on the other hand, be able to say of our trials and afflictions, “Yet all these trouble me nothing as long as I see Christ my Saviour sitting on the King’s throne in heaven”.

Today’s Service:

Bible Reading: Esther 5:1 – 7:1

Hymns:

Trinity 50	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity 94	Whate’er my God ordains is right
Trinity 500	He leadeth me, O blessed thought
Trinity 177	Beneath the cross of Jesus

Preacher: **David Hodges**, from PRC Wollongong NSW
(David is the Interim Moderator of Session during this ministry vacancy.)

The Week ahead:

Wednesday:	Prayer Meeting at the Dean’s home
Next Sunday:	9.45am Prayer Meeting (KAD)
	10.30am Worship (David Hodges)
	Light Lunch
	1.00pm Possible Congregation Meeting (tba)

Sermon Outline

Discontent vs Godly Contentment

Introduction

King Ahasuerus, to please his beautiful young wife, held a banquet for 3 – himself, Esther (his queen), and Haman (the man he had elevated above all the other princes of the land). Despite his honour and power, Haman was thoroughly discontent.

1 The cause of sinful discontent

The basic cause of discontent is a preoccupation with our own importance and pleasure instead of with God’s importance and pleasure. It arises out of disobedience to the first commandment.

2 Some effects of sinful discontent

Discontent begets more discontent. It can spoil what is good, distort our perception of reality, spoil our witness as ambassadors for Christ, make us unthankful and cause us to oppose God. It is a great evil and an affront to the Lord, and it will rob us of our strength and courage.

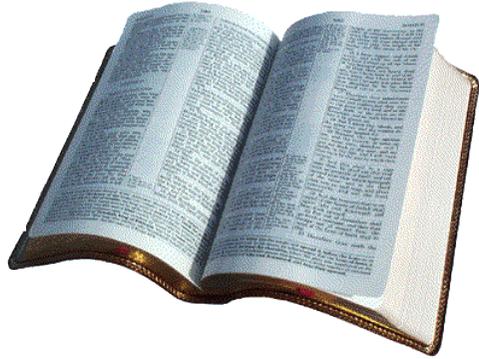
3 Some cures for sinful discontent

Remember that discontent is a darling of the world. Give it no soil to grow in. Remember you have more important things to do. Consider what others lack, or have endured. Consider the law of the Lord. Above all, contemplate with gratitude to God what you do have.

4 The result of godly contentment

Contentment is a beautiful Christian grace. It enriches what is good and softens what is difficult. It restores a proper perspective. It enhances our witness to the world. It strengthens us and is pleasing to God.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6



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Please join us for light refreshments after the service

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