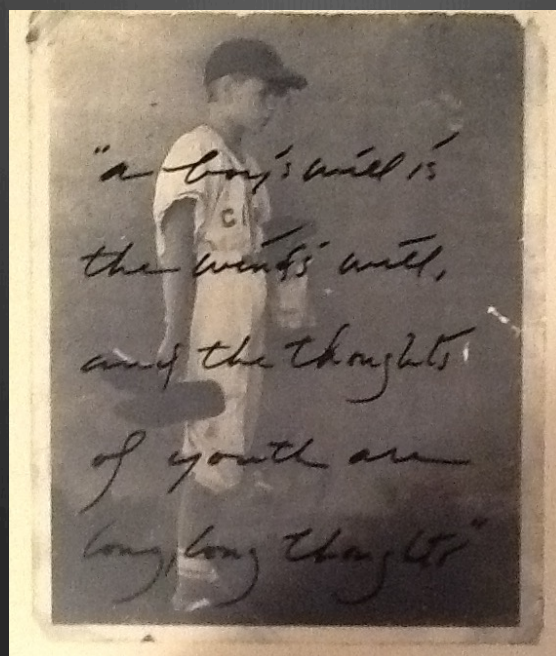


Esther 9-10

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9:1 the reverse occurred

- Enemies hoped to gain mastery over the Jews

BUT

- Jews gained mastery over them

9:2-3 fear...had fallen on them

Fear = pachad

- Gen 31 — the God of Abraham, the Fear of Isaac
- Ex 15 — fear fell over them, the great arm of God
- Psalm 36 — the wicked have no fear of God

9:2-3 fear...had fallen on them

- People declared themselves Jews
- No one could stand against Jews
- Officials helped Jews

While we were enemies

...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.... For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

—Romans 5:8, 10

When Jesus is revealed

...God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven...

—2 Thes 1:5-10

9:4-16

- Mordecai was great, grew popular & more powerful
- Esther asked for extra day & hang Haman's 10 sons
- Jews did not plunder

9:18 day of feasting & gladness

- Gifts of food to one another
- Gifts to the poor
- Remember & keep Purim throughout every generation

Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.

—Rev 15:3

10:3 he sought the welfare of
his people and spoke peace to
all his people

Jesus' better reversals

Man wants to be God

God became man in Jesus

Our sinful lives deserve death

Jesus' death brings us life

We have no righteousness

Jesus righteousness covers us

Jesus' better reversals

World rejects rule of Jesus

Jesus will return to rule world

We have sorrow and death

Jesus ends sorrow, defeats death

We celebrate now with hope

We will celebrate with Him at
the marriage feast of the Lamb