

# The King Held Out to Esther The

by F.B. Meyer

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*God's mercy and gracious response are available to all who approach Him, whether as a repentant sinner, a suppliant, or a Christian worker.*

**Scripture:** Esther 5:2, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9-10, Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 4:16, James 1:5, 1 John 1:9

**Topics:** "Intercession", "Approaching God"

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## Description

F.B. Meyer illustrates the significance of Esther's approach to the king as a powerful metaphor for our relationship with God. He emphasizes that, like Esther, repentant sinners can approach God with confidence, knowing they will not perish at His mercy seat. Meyer encourages those with petitions to bring their requests boldly before God, assuring them that He is gracious and attentive to their cries. He also highlights the selfless dedication of Christian workers who, like Esther, sacrifice for the sake of others, finding favor with God as they align with His redemptive purpose.

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## Transcript

The king held out to Esther the

golden sceptre that was in his hand. Esther v. 2.

WHAT a beautiful type this is for each of us in our approaches to God!

For the repentant sinner. &#8209;&#8209; You may have said with Esther, "I will go into the king's presence, and if I perish, I perish." But it is impossible for you to perish. None ever perished at the footstool of mercy. God is faithful to his promises, and just to his Son; and He can do no other &#8209;&#8209; He wants to do no other &#8209;&#8209; than forgive. As you stand amid the throng that surrounds his throne, He will espy you, and accept you graciously, because of the God&#8209;Man who sits at his right hand, and ever lives to intercede. In his name you may come boldly and obtain mercy.

For the suppliant. &#8209;&#8209; You have a great boon to ask for yourself, or another. The King's court stands open; enter and lodge your petition. He will be very gracious at the voice of your cry: the golden sceptre extended, his word passed, that He will answer with the whole resources of his kingdom. The answer may not come at once, or in the way you expected; but no true suppliant was ever turned away without his complaint or cause being graciously considered, and in the best way met and adjusted.

For the Christian worker. Surely Esther represents a Paul prepared to be himself accursed, a Luther, a Brainerd. It is a lovely sight when the child of God is so oppressed with the burden of other souls as to sacrifice all else in order to plead their cause. Surely such find favour with God; they are kindred spirits with his own, and He bids them share his throne. God will do anything for those who are consumed by his own redemptive purpose.

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