



Living With Injustice

Esther 2:5-10

- 5 Now there was at the citadel in Susa a Jew whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite,
- 6 who had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.
- ⁷ He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had no father or mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.
- 8 So it came about when the command and decree of the king were heard and many young ladies were gathered to the citadel of Susa into the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken to the king's palace into the custody of Hegai, who was in charge of the women.
- 9 Now the young lady pleased him and found favor with him. So he quickly provided her with her cosmetics and food, gave her seven choice maids from the king's palace and transferred her and her maids to the best place in the harem.
- 10 Esther did not make known her people or her kindred, for Mordecai had instructed her that she should not make them known.

How Deep Is Your Beauty?



Vacancy!

A king demands for his wife to compromise herself for his friends. She refuses so he throws her out! Nice guy, eh? Now he has a 'vacancy' he needs a new queen so he puts on a Miss World competition and the winner is her replacement.

Would you fancy winning this one?

Follow the instructions and discover truth for yourself.

- Read Esther 2:5-10.
 Who is the main female in this passage?
- 2. **Re-Read Esther 2:5-10** and put a 'a woman' at every reference to Esther. Then list below what you learn.

- 3. How would you describe Esther's 'start' in life?
- 4. How would you describe Esther's relationship to Mordecai? Why?
- 5. What did Mordecai ask of her?
- 6. Apart from her beauty what other qualities did Esther have?

Esther had not yet made known her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther did what Mordecai told her as she had done when under his care - Esther 2:20

Reflect:

How would you describe your journey so far? How much is your past influencing your present? What good can come from all you have to live with? What qualities do you have? Or is your 'beauty' only skin deep?

