

THE LORD'S NUDGINGS

Esther 6:1, That night the king had trouble sleeping and decided to read awhile.

Whenever God desires to gain our attention, His nudging are many and diverse. To think that the God of the universe can't gain our attention is folly to say the least. As we become sensitive to the ways of God, the mind of God, the heart of God and the will of God, we will find that He speaks often in unusual ways. In this one passage of Scripture, an execution plot was getting ready to happen that the king was totally unaware of. God's people were going to be executed by the hands of a wicked man, Haman. Yet, God was out to protect and care for his people, and He protected his people by not allowing the king to sleep. For as he stayed awake, he called for a book to read and he read in that book how one man Mordecai, had protected the king from assassination. As a result of being kept awake by the hand of God, God divinely protected his servant Mordecai and His people Israel.

Nothing that the Lord does is haphazard or off the cuff. All God does is divinely permitted and allowed. The more sensitive we become to God, the more we will notice the gentle nudging of God as he speaks through others, through circumstances, through His Holy Spirit and especially through His divine Word. When God speaks to you through someone else, it will be as though what was said will be as a trumpet to your heart. While they may not realize it, or think they are being used of God, you will know that you have just heard the gentle nudging of your Heavenly Father. Doesn't it seem ridiculous to think that the God who created our mouth not be able to speak? He can speak and He does speak if we are sensitive to listen to His tender and compassionate voice.