

Secret Sovereignty Part 1

2 Main Messages:

1. Laugh at the world

Quote: "Esther 1 reminds us not to take the power and the glory of this world too seriously. Sometimes we just have to laugh. The Empire of materialism in which we live takes stuff desperately seriously. It wants us to dream of six-month-long banquets in beautifully decorated gardens, and then devote our lives to pursuing the dream. To defend ourselves against the danger of being assimilated, we must learn to laugh at the empire. We must learn to laugh at those around us whose lives are *wasted* in pursuit of so many worthless goals, and to *laugh at ourselves when we see our own hearts getting weighed on the empire's scale of values.*" - Iain Duguid

Psalm 2:1-4

2. When God seems hidden, He is not absent

Isaiah 45:1

Daniel 2:21

Esther 2:19-23

Applications:

1. Delight in God's design for men and women
2. Don't "read your circumstances". Read and obey God's word