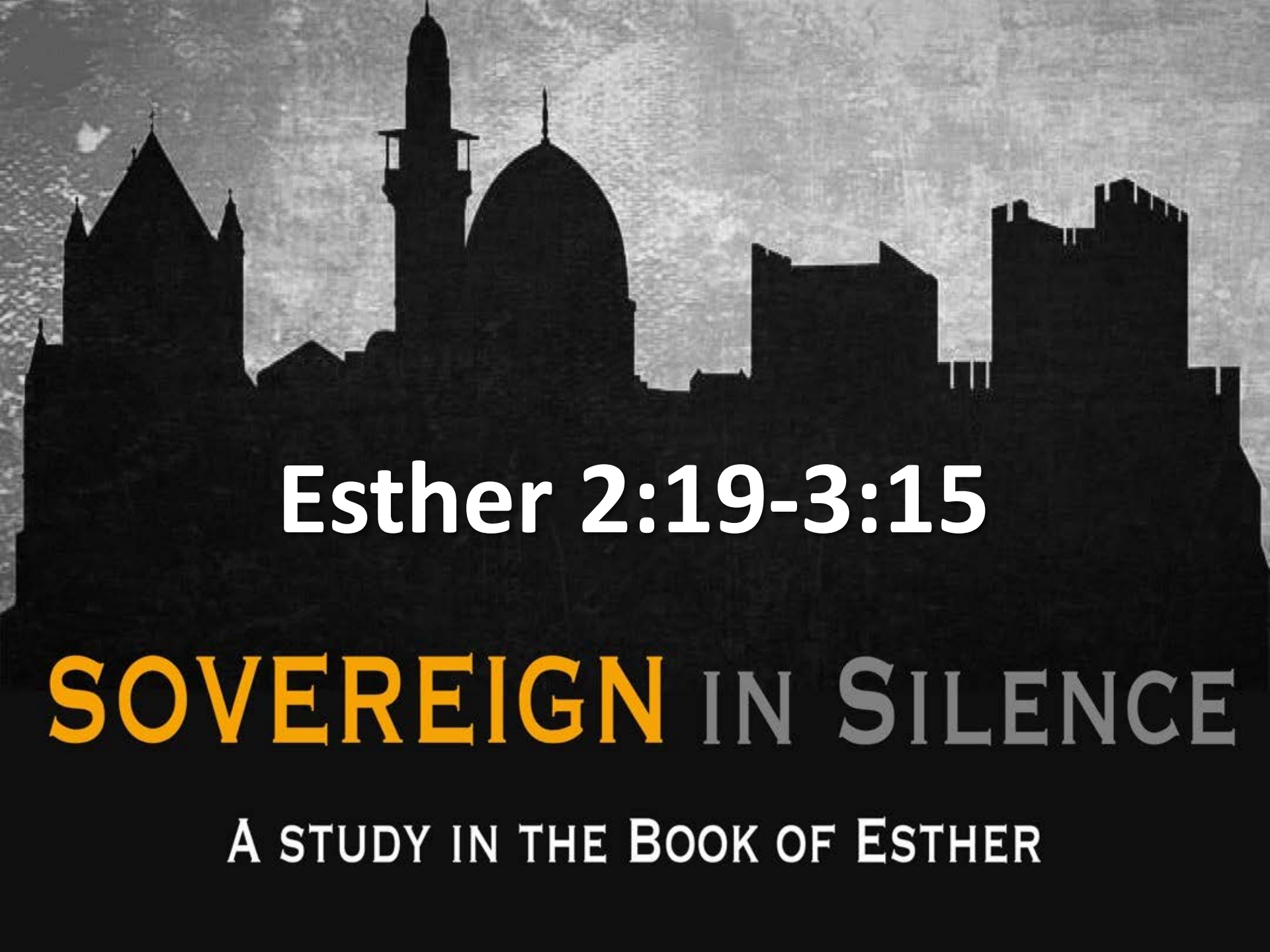
Esther 2:19-3:15
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A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER

The reward for good works is not Always recognition (2:19-23)

God is drawing a distinction between his authority and superstition (3:7)

21:1 The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

Proverbs 21:1

24 A man’s steps are from the LORD; how then can man understand his way?

Proverbs 20:24

33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD. Proverbs 16:33

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Pride Leads to Anger, Prejudice, and Violence (Chapter 3)

Pride blinds people to what they really are and makes them insist on having what they really don't deserve.

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9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. Psalm 119:9

89 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Psalm 119:89

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105

130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. Psalm 119:130

13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1Thessalonians 2:3

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16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to **the Jew first and also to the Greek**. **17** For in it the righteousness of **God is revealed from faith for faith**, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

15 And he said to them, “Go into **all the world** and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16

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Take-home: Shift your focus

When our hands are emptied of all we hold dear, and our focus shifts from ourselves to God, that is worship
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