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# DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to Chuck Missler, whose teachings have taught so many, including myself. I would also like to thank my husband and editor, Ted, for all his patience and love, and for a fine editing job. And to my mother and father, who were always so generous in every way, and gave me the understanding I needed, to know that I was a writer at heart.

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# PROLOGUE

This book begins with a Bible story, a story that ends with the death of the family of a very wicked man who was plotting against Israel. His name was Haman, and he was the architect of the destruction of the Jews. As the plan goes wrong, the sons of Haman are killed. All ten sons.

Then, a mysterious twist occurs. The ten sons of Haman, who are already dead, are ordered by Queen Esther to be hung "tomorrow" (Esther 9:11-14). Why would the queen ask to hang the dead?

You might notice that the Hebrew names of Haman's sons are similar in nature; the meanings in themselves are composed of "self" reference. Self-righteous, weak self, and bold self are examples. And as we dig deeper into the list of ten, we see negative human personality traits such as gossiping, being headstrong, having false humility, being a bully, and other character flaws, all named within each of these dead, and hung, sons of Haman.

What the uninitiated do not understand is that within these names are characteristics that describe the enemies of God.

This first book of *The Psychology of God*, "Ten Sons of Haman," is a glimpse into the great healing power of God as He reveals His knowledge of the human spirit, to help His children understand the exact ways in which they miss the mark of Christ.

Inside this book you'll discover the individual meanings of the names of the dead sons of Haman, and the sinful traits they stand for. You will

discover that these names are the antithesis of the love God asks us to bestow upon our neighbor. We'll also look at these traits in other places in the Bible, and their history.

Let me suggest that you look at the list of names in their entirety, in the Introduction section, before you start studying the names themselves individually.

The first time I saw the meaning of the sons' names, it knocked the breath out of me. It just astounded me speechless that God knows us so intimately that He can name these aspects of human nature so accurately. God directly confronts the evil that resides inside mankind by naming these traits, exposing the negative tendencies that we even hide from ourselves. And then, He provides a cure for us – with prayer, recognizing His love for us, knowing Him, trusting Him, following Him. By doing that, we can overcome these temptations to act sinfully.

The description hidden in the names of the *ten sons of Haman* are *traits we want to avoid, as God's children*. This proves that the Word of God can heal our very spirit as He shapes our nature to be more like Jesus. People who merely touched Jesus' hem were instantly cured; and remember, Jesus is "the Word made Flesh." Wouldn't it also make sense that when we take the Word within us, know it, making it a part of us, that His perfection, becomes ours, and heals us?

If Jesus is truly the Word made Flesh, God's Word from His mouth, then when we learn the Bible and commit it to our memory, He becomes a part of us. This part no man can take away from us. And

this is how “Jesus lives in you.” It is how God Himself lives within you, by the Word, and the Holy Spirit, within you. How comforting is this thought to you? Doesn’t it make sense that following Jesus, and staying within the Word of God, would naturally heal people’s depressed, lost, or confused spirits?

When we see the Bible show us such insight into human nature, it tells us more secrets are in the scriptures, just waiting for us to find them. We already know we can count on the Word to tell us what’s coming; thousands of biblical prophecies that have unfolded, over thousands of years, prove this beyond any doubt. But we can also count on it today, because the Word of God is prescriptive. *Ten Sons of Haman* gives us a hint of what is stored inside the Word of God for us to learn about ourselves, about the human spirit that is within every human being, directly from our Creator.

We all know the Bible demonstrates repeatedly that we should trust in God, that He keeps all His promises, and teaches us that He is faithful, patient, and long-suffering; these are eternal, loving, healing words. In my opinion, they are the most comforting words on the earth, that God loves us more than we can comprehend, and that we can trust Him to put our best interests first.

What is more healing than learning our ultimate purpose is from our very own Creator? Learning in our hearts about who made us, who knows us best, and how He loves us completely, eternally, and unconditionally? That the work for our salvation has already been done? How much more soothing for people suffering from depression, anger, guilt,

and such, is it to know we have God's eternal favor, rather than man's, which is so fickle, and will pass away? And a love so solid and deep that we do not deserve, that we can hardly comprehend it. Hearing these words can be better than any prescription from a pharmacy. Today's secular counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and therapists, do not deal with sin and evil, which are problems everyone has in life to some degree. Instead, everything is discussed and defined in terms of "illness," disorder and disease. This not only sets up an environment where everyone is 'sick' but even more importantly, that "nobody is healthy." Definitions must be constantly re-written when the foundations are on shifting sand (the DSM-5 continues to re-name and re-define mental illness). Conversely, the doctor or counselor who leans upon the Rock has wisdom that never changes. The Word of God was the same yesterday as it is today and will be tomorrow, always the same godly wisdom that is specifically designed to help Man with his problems of the heart, mind, and spirit.

My contention is that, with faith, we can watch God heal everything from the deepest loss and sorrow and failure, to many of our physical 'disorders,' using the Bible as the main tool of reference. The knowledge of man is on shifting sand. But our education, from Holy Scripture, is built on Rock. It is truth that never changes.

The account of the ten sons of Haman is just a tiny snowflake in a winter storm of clues hidden within the pages of the Word of God. And we are thankful to the Lord we have been given this

blessing. I leave it to you, dear reader, to uncover more secrets.

If you feel you'd like to write about it, expand it, add examples from scripture or from your own practice, and wish to share it, feel free to write to me if it pleases you. Although I write, and speak, I am neither a preacher nor a teacher, but just a woman who loves God.

God's blessings to you.

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# INTRODUCTION

THE SONS OF HAMAN. KILLED, THEN HUNG.

Thousands of years ago, a man named Haman, an evil and corrupt government official, plotted to kill all the Jews. His plan backfired, due to the efforts of Queen Esther and her cousin, a good Jew named Mordecai. Jews worldwide celebrate this victory every year in the feast of Purim.

In this Bible story, in the Book of Esther, the sons of Haman were not simply killed - after they were killed, they were then hung, by the Queen's request. So, in a sense, they were each killed twice, even if one of them is symbolic.

What is the significance of this, and how did it happen in scripture? Let's revisit the original story.

## **Esther 9:11-14**

*11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. 12 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. 13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's*

*decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. 14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons.*

The king agrees to the Queen's request, and the dead sons are hanged.

The mystery as to why Queen Esther would ask to hang the ten sons of Haman on the gallows after they were already dead, is a matter of deeper study. One must understand that the definition of the word "morrow" (KJV) meaning "tomorrow" in modern times, perhaps has a different meaning here - that it means "the tomorrow that is today, and the tomorrow in the future." By this logic, scholars claim that the ten men hanged in Nuremberg for their crimes against Jews during Hitler's time are a fulfillment of this prophecy:

In Esther 3:1, we are told that Haman was an Agagite. Agag was the king of Amalek (1 Sam. 15:8). Therefore, Haman and his sons were Amalekites. These are the grandsons of Esau, whom God "hated."

Thousands of years later, Rabbi Elijah Solomon, a prominent Lithuanian rabbi of the 18th century, known as "the great one of Vilna," held the tradition that the German nation was descended from the Amalekites. During World War II, the Nazis in Germany tried to wipe the Jewish race from the face of the earth. Six million Jews were

killed by the Germans, but they failed in their plan to annihilate them all.

After the end of the war, the surviving Nazi leaders were tried at Nuremberg for this and other war crimes. These trials for twenty-two German Nazi leaders began on November 20, 1945. On October 1, 1946, twelve of the German defendants were sentenced to death by hanging for their part in the atrocities committed against the Jews and others. One of those convicted was Martin Bormann, who was sentenced in absentia. A second was Hermann Goering, who committed suicide in his cell just hours before the executions by taking cyanide poison.

The remaining ten Germans were hanged to death on October 16, 1946. Is this the "tomorrow" fulfillment of God's prophecy, in the story of Haman's sons?

When I look at this scripture in Esther, with the bizarre request to hang dead men, I imagine that God might have wanted the world to see that the ten sons of Haman stood for something greater, more meaningful even than just the evil actions of Haman against the Jews; that in fact, the meaning of their names was something God wanted to "die" or extinguish from every human personality. In fact, the natures of the names of these ten sons are the personal attributes of the enemies of God.

Haman, who was an evil, powerful man, was a high official in the Persian Empire. He was a man

who hated the Jews and tried to exterminate them all because one Jew wouldn't pay homage. Mordecai, a Jew, would not bow down to Haman. Instead of taking vengeance on Mordecai, Haman instead sought to destroy every single Jew throughout the Persian kingdom. The result was the death of his ten sons, and their names are listed below. His failure is recorded in the 9th book of Esther:

### **Esther 9:1-10**

*Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;) The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. And in Shushan the*

*palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.*

Here are the ten names, in order, that we will discuss throughout this book, in a handy list:

<b>Son</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Parshandatha	Curious Self - "busybody"
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dalphon	Weeping Self - "self-pity"
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aspatha	Assembled Self - "self-mobilized," "self-sufficiency"
4 <sup>th</sup>	Poratha	Generous Self - "spend-thriftiness", "self-indulgence"
5 <sup>th</sup>	Adalia	Weak Self - "self-consciousness", "inferiority"
6 <sup>th</sup>	Aridatha	Strong Self - "assertiveness", "insists upon one's way"
7 <sup>th</sup>	Parmashta	Preeminent Self - "ambitious", "desire for preeminence"
8 <sup>th</sup>	Arisai	Bold Self - "imprudent"
9 <sup>th</sup>	Aridai	Dignified Self - "prideful", "haughty", "sense of superiority"
10 <sup>th</sup>	Vajezatha	Pure Self - "self-righteousness" (considered worst of all)

The next ten chapters describe biblical and psychological aspects of each of these names. It is not exhaustive but gives us a starting point to discuss these personality traits. Note that all the names begin with "self." It appears to be an identifier of the negativity of these concepts, something inside the self, inside the human personality, that is to be purged or altered.

From gossiping to self-righteousness, the names of the ten sons of Haman reveal personality flaws that represent a fascinating glimpse into the little clues and keys that God puts as breadcrumbs through scripture, leading us further into the refining process of us, as His children, in our understanding, and in our very natures.

Now, let's take a look at each one of these names, and their deeper meanings, and what else the Bible has to say about them. Let's start in Chapter One with "The Busybody," the man whose name means "I am curious."

# CHAPTER 1

## The First Son - The Busybody

The first of Haman's ten sons to die is known as "Arshandatha," which means the "Curious" Self, or, "I am Curious."

What does it mean to be "curious"? Why would God kill this attribute twice? Like many of the names of the sons of Haman, there is a positive as well as a negative connotation of the word curious. As we think about an overabundance of curiosity, we can surmise even by the old saying, "curiosity killed the cat" that curiosity and death are associated.

A certain amount of curiosity in one's life isn't such a terrible thing. It leads some people to the study of science and other realms of knowledge, including the Bible. And the best kind of curiosity is about God's Word. So why would God select it as an aspect of human personality that He feels must change or end, symbolized in the death of this particular name, "Curiosity"? Why list it as a trait of His enemies?

The first aspect of an overabundance of curiosity is the ungodly personality trait of being a "busybody," poking our noses into other people's business where it doesn't belong. Busybodies naturally judge others, not noticing the beam in

their own eye, while pointing out the mote in their brothers' or sisters' eyes.

In fact, the old saying about that cat with the curiosity seems more addressed to human beings than to felines, given its usage in times when people are too curious about other people's affairs. What's worse is that a surplus of curiosity can lead to gossip, which "curious ears" would always like to hear, and it is surely a negative, ungodly practice when others go around talking about other people's intimate business.

Point in fact that scripture tells us that a woman under 62 years of age, who becomes a widow, is to marry again. Why? So she won't become a 'busybody,' poking her nose in other people's business:

**1 Timothy 5:13**

*And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.*

Gossip magazines and shows are also good examples of a human's natural curiosity about other humans. It's hard not to peek at those gossipy headlines going out of the grocery store check-out, isn't it?

Thinking further, an excess of curiosity could easily lead Christians into all manner of deviant and



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**H**idden in the ancient Hebrew names of this Bible story about the attempted destruction of the Jewish Nation, are incredible insights into Human Nature. "*The Psychology of God*" is a deep mining expedition, digging for the gems of wisdom that our Creator provides for our health and healing, in the Word of God. If you liked *The Bible Code* or *The Harbinger*, you're going to love this book!

**T***en Sons of Haman* reveals how God has placed a secret, deeper meaning in the story of Haman, the evil architect of the plot to kill the Jews. As this prophecy echoes through history, down to Hitler and his Nazis, we see the nature of the enemies of God. The gossip, the bully, the self-righteous man, full of arrogance; are just a few of the Sons you'll see. You'll find ten distinct Hebrew names, each of which show us that we are all guilty of these sinful natures, challenging the Children of God, not just the sons of disobedience.

