

# Esther 2:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.** Mordecai's daily vigil outside the women's quarters demonstrates faithful concern and covenant loyalty. The phrase "walked every day" (mit'haleikh bechol-yom, מִתְהַלֵּךְ בְּכָל־יּוֹם) suggests habitual, persistent action—not casual interest but committed care. He sought "to know how Esther did" (her wellbeing) and "what should become of her" (her ultimate fate). This daily routine served multiple purposes: maintaining their relationship despite separation, gathering information about palace affairs, and perhaps positioning himself to receive news and communicate when possible. Mordecai's faithfulness to Esther foreshadows his later faithfulness to the Jewish community and models the perseverance required in serving God's long-term purposes through daily, seemingly mundane obedience.

## Historical Context

Ancient palace complexes separated women's quarters from general access, but external courts or gates allowed limited proximity. Mordecai's position at the king's gate (v. 19, 21) gave him official reason to be in the palace complex daily. The women's house likely had outer courts where male officials conducted business, allowing Mordecai legitimate access without violating harem privacy. His daily presence there wouldn't have appeared unusual for a palace official. The statement that he did this "every day" emphasizes both his dedication and the

extended timeline—this pattern continued throughout Esther's year-long preparation and presumably beyond. Such sustained, daily faithfulness in small things prepared him for decisive action in the crisis to come.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does Mordecai's daily faithfulness in small things teach about how God prepares His servants for crucial moments through sustained, ordinary obedience?
2. How does his watchful care for Esther model covenant loyalty and familial responsibility even when circumstances create separation?

## Interlinear Text

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H3605 every day H3117 every day H4782 And Mordecai H1980 walked H6440 before H2691 the court H1004 house

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H4100 how Esther H635 did H853 to know H3045 of the women's H802

בָּהּ הַעֲשֵׂה  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 37:14** (Parallel theme): And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem.

**1 Samuel 17:18** (Parallel theme): And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

**Acts 15:36** (Parallel theme): And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

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