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What themes do you see across all these passages? How do they relate to the story of Esther?

Are there points of tension between these passages? If so, where?

How do all these passages work in harmony with one another?

What would it look like to take all of them and live them out seriously?

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