



THE COVENANT OF FAVOR

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A. The Favor of God

- I. **Definitions:** Hebrew word: Chen, Favor-something that is granted out of good-will rather than for justice or payment. A benevolence, a goodness, a kind act, showing unusual preferential treatment, a gift bestowed as a token of regard, love, friendliness, or friendship. Something that can not be earned or bought. Similar to Grace.

Scriptures:

Luke 4:19, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord...

Numbers 6: 25-26, He will make His face to shine upon thee...

Romans 8:31-32, If God is for us then who could be against us...

“ “: 38-39, For I am persuaded...nothing can separate us from...

Psalm 103:8, The Lord is merciful, gracious, slow to anger...

Psalm 5:12, For thou Lord will bless the righteous w/favor...

Ephesians 6:24, Grace [favor] be with all them that love our Lord Jesus...

Genesis 12:1,2 ...bless you with abundant increase of favors...blessed to be a blessing

Luke 2:52, and he waxed strong in spirit, wisdom and favor w/God and man..

Ephesians 2:7, He did this that He might clearly demonstrate...favor...

Psalm 35:27, God blesses those who favor or diligently seek out His Righteous cause.

2 Corinthians 12:7 God provided His grace when Paul was buffeted by a messenger of satan.

- II. **Adam and Eve were recipients of God's Favor** (though they did not earn it, in fact were disobedient still, out of His Love, God showed them mercy, favor and grace). God not only preserved them from further destruction by kicking them out of the garden, but he also covered them, showing his merciful kindness toward them. Genesis 2:15-25
- III. **Noah found Favor with God** Genesis 6:8 El Shaddai performed His grace. Because Noah walked with God, covenant was made, and the rainbow was an ever-present sign of it. We still are recipients of this covenant as well.

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IV. **Abraham's' covenant:** God presented Himself as El Shaddai. What did Abraham's' Covenant consist of?

Genesis 12:1 says, *And I will make you a great nation and I will bless you with Abundant increase of favors.*

a) The covenant spoken when Isaac was saved from sacrifice, was in Genesis 22: 17-18, the Lord said: *"In blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants like the stars of the heavens and like the sand on the seashore. And your seed (Heir) will possess the gate of His enemies, and in your Seed [Christ] shall all the nations of the earth be blessed and [by Him] bless themselves, because you have heard and obeyed My voice.*

b) Deuteronomy 28: 1-12, the covenant blessings of Abraham, through Moses, came with an "Obedience Clause".

V. **The Covenant of Christ:** Jesus covenant to and with us is by His blood and allows us the privilege of sharing (jointly) all that he has and is. Jesus has made reconciliation or FAVOR between us and God, by paying the price for us, thusly God has shown His favor to us by accepting the ransom paid for our sins, we now are "Sons of God", and inheritors of all that Jesus was, is and is to come.

Ephesians 6:24 says, *Grace [favor] be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.* Psalm 5:12 says, *For thou Lord will bless him as with a shield (KJV)*

(AMP) ...as with a shield you will surround him with good will, pleasure and favor.

Galatians 3:29 says, *And if ye be Christ's', then ye are Abraham's' seed and heirs according to the promise.*

a) **Prophetic Covenant promises: Isaiah 9:6** says, *For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the [latter] time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

b) **Prophetic Covenant promises: Isaiah 61:1-2a**, *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] ...*

c) **Jesus proclaimed this prophecy in Luke 4:18 & 19** and in **verse 21** says, *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

1. To preach (as it is proclaimed or preached, it is heard, faith is built up, causing an atmosphere for miracles of good) the Gospel of good tidings about redemption (soteria: wholeness, soundness, completeness in every area of life) to the meek, the poor, the afflicted. God's Favor is abounding for all people, the meek, the poor, and the afflicted have had restoration and reconciliation to God the Father through Jesus the Christ. Conquering sin and death, there does not have to be any more struggling, strife, decay, demise, poverty, bondage to the devil. Jesus paid the ransom!

2. Sent to bandage (create and atmosphere for healing by applying a bandage or a salve) and heal the broken hearted (they hear about the Gospel of healing, and their faith is built up so that they can receive it).

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3. Sent to proclaim and preach freedom to the physical and spiritual captives, the opening of the prison, and of the eyes that could not see because of bondage (spiritual and physical).
 4. To preach and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (the year when Gods favor and blessing abound profusely!).
- VI. How to Appropriate the Favor of God in Your Life.
- A. Definition: The Favor of God: The favor of God will open doors that seem impossible to open. Change rules, regulations, policies, and even bring down governments if necessary to get you through a door that God wants you through. This is the wonder of His person called El Shaddai.
 - B. How do we appropriate the Favor of God in our lives? Ways to Increase the favor in our lives.
 1. Take an inventory of yourself (good and not so good things), your every day life-style. What are you saying, what are you doing, is God first in all things?
 2. Consider your ways, are they lining up with His ways?
Proverbs 16:3,7
 3. Continually seek God. Proverbs 8:33-38
 4. Be obedient.
 5. Hunger for truth. Proverbs 3:1-4
 6. Strive for excellence. Proverbs 11:27
 7. Don't ever loose your zeal for the Lord. Proverbs 13:13-14
- VII. Favor in Times of Persecution and Trouble
1. TURNING YOUR TEST INTO A TESTIMONY: Psalm 102: 3-13, 17 Speaks of a man who is overwhelmed with a problem that has consumed his mind. Even though he is covered up with problems, he still recognizes that he is still entitled to God's favor. He in turn does this:
 - a.) He reminds God of his covenant with him
 - b.) He sings and rejoices of it to God, he lines his attitude up with the covenant, rehearses the past faithfulness of God, and charges the covenant to perform by singing a hymn petition, supplication. Hebrew word used for this type of prayer is Tephillah.
 - c.) Other scriptures that relate this type of prayer: Isaiah 56: 7, Isaiah 59: 19-21, Luke 12:22-32
 2. Rehearse the past victories. Examples:
 - a.) David and Goliath, I Samuel 17
 - b.) Joshua and Caleb, God's favor prevails and gives the land to them
Because of their positive attitudes and their faith in God's faithfulness, over others who were sour. Numbers 13:23-33, Numbers 14: 1-30
 3. Attitude and perspective are major forces in your life. Look at things from the throne where you have joint seating NOW in Christ: Ephesians 2:4-6 We are the head and not the tail, above and not beneath.
 4. Take no thought SAYING. Watch the words of your mouth, and your attitude. Philippians 4:8 Think on these things: what so ever is good, refuse to loose! Quit saying " Nothing good ever happens to me", or "If it's not one thing it's another", and begin reciting the Word about you and your covenant. You will see it turn around!

5. God is no respecter of persons, except when He sees faith. Then He highly regards us. The Word says that “The Just shall live by faith” and “Without Faith it is impossible to please God.”

VIII. The Anointing of Favor-Directly related to Faith and Joy working together.

Scriptural back-up: Luke 4:19, 21 Luke 2:52 Phil 1:2 Col 1:1- Col 3:1-12-15
Romans 12:1-2 Ephes 4: 23 Matthew 5 Psalm 45: 7-8 Hebrews 1:9 Psalm 23:5-6
Psalm 126 2 Corinthians 5:20

- a.) Sowing Favor: Whatever a man sows that also shall he reap.
 1. Start sowing seeds of favor to others, being lead by the Holy Ghost.
 2. When someone treats you with preferential treatment, sows favor into your life, how does it make you feel?
 3. Bless the person by praying over their seed and watering it, bring forth that harvest quicker for them by watering the seed sown and be a good steward by sowing into someone else’s life.
 4. Scriptures:
 1. Proverbs 28:27 Give to the poor and you are lending to the
 2. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, vs 7 Cheerful giver
 3. Luke 6:38 Give and it shall be given...pressed down, shaken
 5. Luke 12:48
 6. Acts 3:6, 20:35
 7. James 1:5
- b.) Reaping (or Harvesting) Favor
Scriptures: Harvest, Gen 8:22, Is 9:3 Jer 8:20, Jer 51:33, Joel 3:13
Matth 13:39, Rev 14:15, *Matth 9:3 (Lord of the Harvest)
 1. When an opportunity comes to you, when someone wants to show you preferential treatment, let them! Do not allow the old ways of the world and “false humility” to rob you of your harvest!
 2. If you sow the seed of being a wise and a good steward of the harvest, God will give you more to harvest. The law of Seed-time and Harvest are still active! Amos 9:13
 3. The Word tells of the sower, and how the Word was sown onto or into several types of ground or soil, but when it comes to harvesting Jesus said that the fields are white for harvesting but the laborers are few. Is it that we are too shy or unconfident to harvest when it is time?
 4. The world has harvesting down pat, however, the world has left one ingredient out, the Love of God and Love for God. Which this love (or compassion for God and souls) intact, our harvesting can be lazier precise.
- c. The Attitude of Joy-the Force of Joy
 1. He leads us to favor so that we might have joy!
 2. Scriptures: Romans 2:4
 1. Isaiah 35:10 Neh 8:10 PS 126 Isaiah 61:3 John 16:24
Gal 5:22 Zeph 3:17 Luke 16:24 Phil 4:1 Heb 12:2
James 1:2 I Peter 4:13 Ps 35: 9 2 Cor 7:4 Ps 63:5

If you know Him as Lord of Favor, then you will walk in the Favor of God! If you walk in the Favor of God, you will have great Joy. If you walk in the Joy of the Lord and the Favor of the Lord regardless of outward conditions...then you reap an eternal harvest, and abundant life here on earth, because God appreciates Faith and Joy a lot!

Reference materials used: Dr. Jerry Savelle's book Walking in Divine Favor
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