**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH - FAVOR**

***PSALM 119:57-60 – TEXT***

**INTRODUCTION** – **READ – TEXT** – The psalmist pleads with God for his favor

When is the last time you asked God for his favor to be on you as his child? I.E. – We are children of a king – do children of earthly kings enjoy certain favor – YES!!! We know they do then why do we not have the faith to believe that we as children of the most high God will not enjoy his favor also.

Favor is defined as goodwill, acceptance, to receive his desire and his pleasure. There are too many Christians today walking around with a negative attitude always complaining about their plight in life – job, health, relationships. The way to change is to look at things from a different perspective. The purpose of this lesson is to examine what the Bible teaches about the favor of God and how we should be thankful that God makes his favor available to us!

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1. **WHAT IS FAVOR?** – We will allow the bible to define the favor of God for us.
2. **GEN. 19:19 -** Lot speaking to the Lord after being delivered from Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot equated favor with mercy. Did Lot need the favor and mercy of God? Do we need the favor and mercy of God?
3. **GEN. 39:1-4, 21 –** The example of Joseph – Some brethren need to quit whining and complaining about their troubles – Have you ever been sold into slavery by your own family…NO… Have you ever been placed in prison when you were innocent….We have no record of Joseph complaining, being negative, having a pity party but we do have record of Joseph receiving the favor of God and whatever he did the Lord made to prosper.
4. **RUTH 2:10-13 –** Example of Ruth finding favor or comfort…she did not take the easy way out. She could have said look at my situation why has all this come upon me
5. **JOB 10:12 –** Listen to Job. Has anyone in our audience gone thru as much loss as Job did in his life? NO!!!! Job recognized the favor of God and described as his care for him. It was this care and favor that preserved his spirit.
6. **1 SAM. 2:26 –** Am I growing in favor with God? We cannot develop to spiritual maturity if we do not grow in favor with God.
7. **WHO HAS IT?** –
8. **GEN. 18:1-3** – “The Lord gave the people favor”
9. **1 KINGS 13:6** – King Jereboam realized the man of God had God’s favor so he made his request, “Please entreat the favor of the Lord your God”
10. **DANIEL 1:9** – God brought Daniel into favor and good will of the chief of the eunuchs. Daniel was in captivity a prisoner of Babylon and yet God still had the ability to place his favor upon him.
11. **PSA**. **30:7** – Favor belongs to God it is his to give or withhold.
12. **PROV. 12:2** – Only a good man obtains the favor of God. If we want the favor of God we must seek that which is good in God’s eyes.
13. **PROV. 14:9** – The upright are recipients of the favor of God.
14. **HOW DO WE RECEIVE IT?** – By being God’s people…a part of the family of God...the church.
15. **EX. 11:1-3 –** “The Lord gave the people favor” who were the people the children of Israel his chosen people. Who are the chosen people of God today? Who is God’s chosen people….the church spiritual Israel!
16. **ACTS 7:9-10 –** What others meant for harm God’s favor turned it out for the good of his people.
17. **PSA.** **106:4** – Listen to the request of the psalmist. We must be the people of God to receive his favor.
18. **PROV.** **11:27** – We receive it by seeking that which is good.
19. **LUKE 2:52** – Jesus is our great example in all things and he sought to grow in favor with God. If the Son of God sought to be growing in favor with God then what should I be seeking for in this life. YES…submitting to and serving God so his favor will be growing on me as his child.

**CONCLUSION** –

The bible teaches the favor of God is available to us.

Are you taking advantage of the favor of God?

Today is the day of salvation!!!