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"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious (show favor) to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24, 25, 26 "For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:12

A kingdom leader develops a heightened appreciation and love for the extraordinary favor of God.

God is the only one who can give us his extraordinary favor.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly." Psalm 84:11

The extraordinary favor of God is one of his greatest gifts.

"So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man." Proverbs 3:4

The favor of God is like a necklace

"And they will be life for your soul and adornment (favor) for your neck." Proverbs 3:22

"She will place on your head a graceful (favor) garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown." Proverbs 4:9

The favor of God is a gift. It is not something that you earn or deserve.

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold." Proverbs 22:1

The favor of God is worth seeking with all your heart.

"I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious (show favor) to me according to your promise." Psalm 119:58

The favor of God makes way for every blessing of God.

"Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you." Isaiah 60:10

Christ came to bring God's favor and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

"To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn." Isaiah 61:2

The favor of God not only enables you to pioneer new territory, but also to protect you in the process. "For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:12

The favor of God shuts doors that no one can open and opens doors that no one can shut.

"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name." Revelation 3:8

Noah was the first to receive favor from God.

"But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8

Joseph received favor from God.

"So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had." Genesis 39:4

Moses received favor from God.

"And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty." Exodus 3:21

Ruth received favor from God. Ruth 2:2

Esther received favor from God. Esther 5:8

Mary received the favor of God. Luke 1:25; 1:30

Jesus lived with the favor of God.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

The early church enjoyed the favor of God.

"Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47

Those who are persecuted for their faith receive favor.

"For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God." 1 Peter 2:20

Don't underestimate the favor of the Lord!

The favor of God is the key to walking in kingdom blessing and fruitfulness.

Develop a Heightened Appreciation and Love for the Favor of God

- 1. Discover the reality that you can do nothing of value apart from the favor of God.
- 2. Every kingdom advancement through you is by God's favor. You cannot open a single kingdom door-- only Christ is the Door-opener.
- 3. Every spiritual gift you have is a gift of God's gracious favor.
- 4. Learning to feel God's presence is the key to learning to love God's favor.



