

## DIVINE FAVOR

1. IF WE BUILD GOD A HOUSE, HE WILL BUILD US ONE.
  1. To have the divine favor, or the blessings of God upon us and our offspring.
  2. Favor - Good will, loving-kindness; used of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.
  
2. FINDING FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN.
  1. Pr. 8:35 - *"For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD."*
  2. Pr. 3:3-4 - *"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck: write them upon the table of thine heart. So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and men."*
  3. Jesus - *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Lu. 2:52).*
  4. Samuel - *"And the child Samuel grew on and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men."*
  5. Jacob - because of his faithfulness to another man (Laban).
    1. God blesses Jacob through speckled and spotted cattle.
    2. *"And your father hath deceived me and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me."*
    3. (Rachel and Leah) - *"For all the riches which God hath taken from our fathers, that is ours and our children's..."*
    4. *"And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."*
  6. Joseph - *"But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. the keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper."*

1. Did not compromise; stood for righteousness.
2. Was faithful wherever he was.
3. Exalted to second ruler in the land.

7. Three Hebrew Children

1. Why should he (the king) see your faces worse than others?
  1. Daniel had found favour - *"Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs."*
  2. Give us a chance to prove ourselves.
  3. Were fairer and fatter (healthier).
2. Daniel had understanding and skill in all learning and wisdom.
3. Three Hebrew boys 10 times fairer than others.

3. BECAUSE THOU HADST A FAVOUR UNTO THEM (Ps. 44:1-2).

1. *"We have heard with our ears O God, our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old."*
2. "For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them."

4. MORE TO BE DESIRED THAN SILVER AND GOLD.

1. *"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and*
2. *Loving favour rather than silver and gold."*

5. HOW TO FIND FAVOUR.

1. Righteous - *"For thou LORD wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."*
2. A Good Man - *"A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn"* (Pr. 12:2).
3. Those that fear the Lord (Ps. 115:13-15) - *"He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth."*

6. THE ULTIMATE BLESSING OF THE LORD (Is. 65:21-24).

1. *"And they shall build houses and inhabit them and*
2. They shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.
3. They shall not build, and another inhabit;
4. They shall not plant and another eat.
5. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for
6. They are the seed of the blessed of the LORD and their offspring with them...
7. Before they call I will answer;
8. And while they are yet speaking, I will hear."