

Blame it on Favor – Bible Study Lesson

Psalm 1:1-3 (NASB)

**1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Genesis 39:3-4 (NASB)

3 Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

There is a word that should be common in the life of the believer, that has the potential to can change our lives forever in one day. That word is favor. The Lord has made a promise to us to favor us, prefer us, empower us, and do things for us we don't deserve. We don't earn it. But, we qualify for it through obedience. Dr. Jerry Savelle says, "When you have the Favor of God, you can have the world's best, but not have to pay the world's price." With this in mind, let's examine: **Blame it on Favor.**

Ruth 1:16-17 (NASB)

16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."

This is how you know the favor of God is in your life. You know you have favor, when you have lost everything and people still want to be around you. Naomi had lost everything and still had favor with Ruth. **Right now, God is raising up somebody, somewhere to favor you.**

1. Favor is causing someone to become a problem solver for you.

Ruth 2:8-12 (NASB)

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.”

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

11 Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

12 May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”

The law of the Kingdom of Heaven says, we always reap what we sow. We can be sure when you sow favor, it's coming back to you. Often, the reason we haven't been experiencing favor is that we don't extend favor to others. **We should always look for opportunities to extend favor to others.**

2. Favor is starting as a seed from you, and returning as a harvest to you.

Genesis 41:41-43 (NASB)

41 Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

42 Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen and put the gold necklace around his neck.

43 He had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, “Bow the knee!” And he set him over all the land of Egypt.

You don’t need everybody to like you. You need the right person to like you. Joseph’s brothers didn’t like him. However, Pharaoh did. We must always remember, there’s always someone watching us who is capable of greatly blessing us and helping us with God’s assignment for our life.

3. Favor from someone in authority is bringing you great success.

Exodus 12:35-36 (NASB)

35 Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

36 and the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Many people don’t even realize, God can make them wealthy, in a single day. Favor made the Egyptians give the Children of Israel silver & gold. Remember, wealth is not a money word. It’s a supply word. God plans to give us favor and take us from not enough to more than enough.

4. Favor is quickly changing your economic situation.

Joshua 1:10-11 (NASB)

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 “Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, to possess it.’”

We don't have to wait for the right time to do what God said. The right time is always now. We don't have to hope and wish for years and years. We don't even have to look for someone to help us. Favor has already made ready what we're believing for. **The Children of Israel were walking around for 40 years. Then, Joshua said, “In 3 days, it's ours!!”**

5. Favor is accelerating the timetable of your destiny.

There is a word that should be common in the life of the believer, that has the potential to change our lives forever in one day. That word is favor. We don't earn it. But, we qualify for it. We don't have to make excuses for what God is doing in our lives. Just: **Blame it on favor.**