

Elevation is Always the Result – Bible Study Lesson

FAVOR – the force God uses to propel our lives past the limitations of background, resources, and connections that would otherwise keep us bound to our current position and station in life.

Genesis 41:41-44 (AMP)

41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you [in charge] 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 dressed him in [official] vestments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

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

44 Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Though I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission shall no man raise his hand [to do anything] or set his foot [to go anywhere] in all the land of Egypt [all classes of people shall submit to your authority].”

Favor from God always produces elevation because it is His divine endorsement. That’s how God reveals His presence, **(Peace and Favor)**. That favor opens doors, creates opportunities, and moves people forward in life. What we’ve been through or are going through right now is irrelevant and immaterial as it relates to the favor of God.

We just read one of the pivotal and climactic points in Joseph’s life. He’s beaten by his brothers, But, they didn’t kill him. He’s thrown in a pit. But, there’s no water in the pit. He’s sold into slavery. But, the slave master puts him in charge of his house. He’s lied on and put in prison. But, they put him in charge of the prison. Everywhere he goes, elevation happens for him. Finally, Pharaoh has a dream. But he’s the only one who has the interpretation. Pharaoh puts him in charge of the most powerful nation in the world at the time. With this in mind, let’s examine: **Elevation is Always the Result.**

Genesis 39:20-21 (AMP)

20 So Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined; so he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph and extended lovingkindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the warden.

God's favor positions us to be noticed, chosen, and promoted even in unlikely circumstances. When God's favor is upon us, doors that would normally be closed begin to open. Favor causes opportunities to appear that we wouldn't otherwise have access to. Take the example of Joseph. His favor with God gave him favor with the warden. **That same favor eventually brought him from the prison to the palace.**

- 1. Favor always brings us supernatural opportunities.**

Proverbs 16:7 (AMP)

7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Favor happens when God raises people up to become problem solvers in our lives. One of the greatest aspects of favor is that it moves people's hearts to help us. God's favor softens hearts, aligns people, and brings the right connections into our lives to propel us into greater levels of success and influence. **God's favor will always raise someone up to use their power, ability, and influence to help us.**

- 2. Favor always gives others the desire to assist us.**

Esther 2:17 (AMP)

17 Now the king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the [other] virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen in the place of Vashti.

Favor brings supernatural acceleration. What would normally take years can happen in a fraction of the time, when God's favor is at work. In Esther's story, she found favor with the king and was elevated from being an orphan and commoner to becoming the queen in a short period. **Favor fast-tracks our progress and allows us to achieve things quicker than normal human effort could.**

3. Favor always accelerates our progress.

Psalm 5:12 (AMP)

12 For You, O Lord, bless the righteous man [the one who is in right standing with You]; You surround him with favor as with a shield.

When favor is in our lives, God not only elevates us but also protects us from the traps and schemes of the enemy. Favor acts as a shield, ensuring that even when attacks come, they do not derail our progress. **What was meant for harm, God turns into a steppingstone for greater elevation, just as He did with Daniel in the lion's den or the 3 Hebrew boys in the fire.**

4. Favor always shields us from setups and setbacks.

1 Samuel 16:11-13 (AMP)

11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" Jesse replied, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send word and bring him; because we will not sit down [to eat the sacrificial meal] until he comes here."

12 So Jesse sent word and brought him in. Now he had a ruddy complexion, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. The Lord said [to Samuel], "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Favor places a divine spotlight on our gifts, talents, and character, allowing us to be recognized in ways that surpass our natural qualifications. God's favor ensures that His hand is guiding and elevating us, even when circumstances seem impossible. With favor, we can rise beyond natural limitations and reach new heights of influence, power, and success. **God's favor causes us to stand out, even when we don't have the credentials or background others may have.**

5. Favor always brings us recognition beyond our human ability.

Favor Confession: By Dr. Bill Winston

In the Name of Jesus, I decree from this moment forward, I see myself the way God sees me. I am highly favored of the Lord. I am crowned with glory and honor. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am reigning as a King in life through the one man Jesus Christ the Messiah.

In Jesus' Name, I declare by faith that I walk in divine favor. I have preferential treatment, supernatural increase, restoration, prominence, petitions granted, laws changed, policies and rules changed and battles won, which I do not have to fight, all because of the blessing and favor of God on my life.

In Jesus' Name, every morning when I arise, I will speak and expect divine favor to go before me and surround me as with a shield with goodwill and pleasures forevermore. Doors are now open for me that men have said are impossible to open. No obstacle can stop me, and no hindrances can delay me.

In Jesus' Name, I am honored by my Father, as I receive genuine favor that comes directly from God. I am special to Him. I am the object of His affection. I am the apple of His eye. I am blessed and highly favored of the Lord, in Jesus' Name. -Amen