

Favor Always Has a Purpose – 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 50:20-21 (AMP)

20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present outcome, that many people would be kept alive [as they are this day].

21 So now, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and support you and your little ones.” So he comforted them [giving them encouragement and hope] and spoke [with kindness] to their hearts.

The purpose of God's favor is multifaceted. It demonstrates His goodness, advances His plans in the lives of believers, and reveals His glory in the world. In the story of Joseph, we find that the favor of God is an absolute necessity if he is ever to fulfill his life's purpose. Throughout his journey, favor becomes the hallmark of his existence. It is displayed as favor with God and with people. We can glean from the story of Joseph how much favor will play a part in us fulfilling our purpose and destiny in life. Joseph's brothers did it to him on purpose. But it didn't stop his purpose, which was to save the very people who hurt him on purpose. With this in mind, let's examine: **Favor Always Has a Purpose.**

Genesis 37:18-21 (AMP)

18 And when they saw him from a distance, even before he came close to them, they plotted to kill him.

19 They said to one another, “Look, here comes this dreamer.

20 Now then, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits (cisterns, underground water storage); then we will say [to our father], ‘A wild animal killed and devoured him’; and we shall see what will become of his dreams!”

21 Now Reuben [the eldest] heard this and rescued him from their hands and said, “Let us not take his life.”

God's favor provides divine protection and deliverance from harm. Even when a trap or plan of the enemy looks like it's working, God's favor is causing it to work out for our good. The plan was to kill Joseph. **God's plan was to favor Joseph.**

1. The purpose is protection.

Genesis 39:3-4 (AMP)

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

4 So Joseph pleased Potiphar and found favor in his sight and he served him as his personal servant. He made Joseph overseer over his house, and he put all that he owned in Joseph's charge.

God's favor can lead us to elevation and promotion that is far beyond human effort. Nothing humanly possible could cause the slave to become lord over the master. God caused the master (Potifer) to see that the Lord was with Joseph. **Remember, ELEVATION IS ALWAYS THE RESULT OF FAVOR.**

2. The purpose is promotion.

Exodus 3:21 (AMP)

21 And I will grant this people favor and respect in the sight of the Egyptians; therefore, it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.

Genesis 50:21 (AMP)

21 So now, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and support you and your little ones.” So he comforted them [giving them encouragement and hope] and spoke [with kindness] to their hearts.

Favor opens doors for divine provision and abundance. Obedience is the diving qualifier for favor. Throughout the Bible, we can see examples of how favor makes ways. Favor with a little boy provided food for 5000. Favor with the king provided deliverance through Ruth for Israel. Favor with the butler provided a door to the Pharaoh. **Favor with the Jesus provided salvation to us all.**

3. The purpose is provision.

Genesis 37:9-10 (AMP)

9 But Joseph dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers [as well]. He said, “See here, I have again dreamed a dream, and lo, [this time I saw] eleven stars and the sun and the moon bowed down [in respect] to me!”

10 He told it to his father as well as to his brothers; but his father rebuked him and said to him [in disbelief], “What is [the meaning of] this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow down to the ground [in respect] before you?”

Genesis 42:6 (AMP)

6 Now Joseph was the ruler over the land, and he was the one who sold [grain] to all the people of the land; and Joseph’s [half] brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the ground.

Genesis 42:8 (AMP)

Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

God’s favor always helps fulfill His purpose in a believer’s life. Favor aligns us with our divine purpose and destiny. It opens the way for us to walk in God’s plan, advancing His Kingdom through our lives. **God’s favor ensures that His purposes come to pass in and through us, no matter the route.**

4. The purpose is the fulfillment of destiny.

Genesis 45:4-5 (AMP)

4 And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come closer to me.” And they approached him. And he said, “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

5 Now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me ahead of you to save life and preserve our family.

Genesis 50:19-22 (AMP)

19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? [Vengeance is His, not mine.]

20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present outcome, that many people would be kept alive [as they are this day].

21 So now, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and support you and your little ones.” So he comforted them [giving them encouragement and hope] and spoke [with kindness] to their hearts.

22 Now Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father’s household, and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years.

God’s favor brings restoration to what has been lost and often leads to increase. Favor ensures that even in the face of adversity, God can restore and multiply what was taken or destroyed. **Relationships, money, opportunities, and even family can be restored through God’s favor.**

5. The purpose is restoration and increase.

The purpose of God’s favor is multifaceted. It demonstrates His goodness, advances His plans in the lives of believers, and reveals His glory in the world. We can glean from the story of Joseph how much favor will play a part in us fulfilling our purpose and destiny in life. Remember: **Favor Always Has a Purpose.**

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