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## Favor Expounded

**A**cts 2:46-47  
*[46]So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, [47]praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

What does it mean to be favored?

1. To be favored means to be accepted.
2. It means to be supported.
3. It means to be remembered.
4. It means to be preferred.
5. It means to be loved.

When you are favored, you supported, loved and accepted. When God and man accept you, you are

favor. And you have got to praise God for that favor.

## **BELIEVERS ARE FAVORED**

All believers are favored. Isn't that a thing of joy? A proof that a believer is favored is that at salvation, you are received from the Lord substances and things unbelievers don't have access to. Unbelievers don't have the Spirit of God neither do they have the life of God in them. As a believer, you have all of these within you. Money cannot buy the life of God neither can it purchase the Spirit of God. All these are free gift of God. The fact that a believer has within him what unbelievers don't have is a sign that you are favored by God. You are no longer part of the people who are not saved. You are saved because you received the salvation of the Lord. So, all believers have been favored by the Lord and you have to praise God for that favor.

However, it is essential for you to know that the early church had favor with all people. This is a level you should get to in your life. You should have favor with all people. In other words, all people should accept, prefer and love you. If the believers of the early church could have preference with all people, it therefore means you can have favor with all people.

## **THE ESSENCE OF PRAISING GOD**



Scripture reveals that the early church were praising God and having favor with all people. As the believers of the early church were praising God, God on the other end was working in the heart of all people to favor them. When you you're your praises to God, He will increase His favor on your life. You cannot be a praiser and not be preferred.

Praising God is an acknowledgement of God's personality. Nothing raise a life like praise. Those who praise God consistently are those who reign eventually. It is important you learn that your praise is an expression of your gratefulness to God. A way of appreciating God for His involvement in your life is by praising Him. To praise Him is to tell Him that you value all He is doing in your life.

God does things by speaking them. Whatever God tells you, He has done. What you are just waiting for is the manifestation of that thing. For the promises of God to you, rise up intentionally to praise the Lord. What God has promised to do in your life, He has done for you. If God says "I will lift you up", God has lifted you up before He said it to you. When God say "I will honour you", He has honoured you before he said it to you. You see, God does things before He speaks them to you. God will never tell you what He hasn't completed from His end. He is only telling you so it can be received from your end. Therefore, praise God inspite of whatever may be happening

to you.

## **MOVING FROM WAITING FOR MANIFESTATION TO PRAISING FOR MANIFESTATION**

God does something before He communicates it to you. Whatever God has told you, He did right away before He told you. When God tells you something, you don't just wait for the physical manifestation, Many are waiting for the manifestation of what God said, instead of praising Him for it. You don't wait for the manifestation of what God told you, you should praise for the manifestation of it. In other word, you praise God ahead for the manifestation of the things you are waiting for. You have to move from waiting for manifestation to praising for manifestation.

You have to praise before you pray. Also, you have to praise after your prayer. Most believer pray only to God without praising the Lord. However, as you grow in the Lord, you realize that God expect you to praise Him before you pray unto Him. God also expect you to praise Him after you have prayed unto Him. One of the issues many believers have is that they pray and pray and they are waiting for the answer to arrive in the physical but failed to know that they have to engage in praise while the answers will manifest in physical. So, before you pray, you must praise and after you have prayed, you have

to praise. Praises is the platform for receiving the answer to your prayer.

## **BE INTENTIONAL IN PRAISING GOD**

Praises are not just some activities in church when the choir comes up to sing. No! Praises should be deliberate action of an individual. You have to engage in praises yourself. Just as you love to pray, you must love to praise. As a matter of fact, as a believer, you should get to that point when you praise God more than you pray to God. You should get to that point where praises dominate your prayer.

## **THE EARLY CHURCH PRAISED GOD**

The early church praised God. The question is that what happened after they praised God? The scripture was clear that they had favor with all the people. The Bible didn't say they had favor with some people. The bible says, they had favor with all the people. To be liked and be accepted by all the people, you have got to praise God because when the early church praised God, the effect of that is that they came in favor with all the people.

Do you want to be liked and supported by all the people? Then, praise God. You cannot praise God and He won't move the heart of people to support you. When you praise God, He causes all people

to support you. He causes all people to value you. You see, the word of God is not motivation, it's inspiration that can shift you from where you are to where God want you to be.

Motivational speakers will say you have to ensure that you do things that will make you to be valued by people but there is another way by which you can be valued and that is when you praise God. When you praise God, you will come into that dimension that you will be valued by all men. Praising God grants you favor with God. And when God favors you, all men are compelled to favor you.

## Effects of Praise for Favor

### **1. GOD WILL PUT IN YOU AND CAUSE YOU TO DO THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU HAVE FAVOR WITH ALL MEN**

This is supernatural. This is something that cannot be explain logically. A natural man cannot understand this but the supernatural being will definitely understand. When you praise God for favor, you trigger divine acceptance to be released on you. When you praise God, God will come and place something upon you. He comes and He infuses an ability in you that will cause everybody to favor you. This is what differentiates men from men. There is a special ability God put in some people and not available in some people. This is where the partiality of God is revealed. That's God and you can't question Him. He said concerning Jacob and Esau, he said he Esau I have hated but Jacob I have

loved. Esau didn't commit any offence. God out of his own volition just said I love this one and I hate this one.

When you praise God, He infuses the ability to do things that will cause men to favor you. Remember the early church, they were favored to work in miracle, preach the word of God with boldness and do all kinds of things normal men can't do.

## **2. GOD WILL GIVE YOU INSTRUCTION AND LEAD YOU TO DO THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU TO BE LOVED AND CAUSE EVERYONE TO FAVOR YOU**

When you praise God, He will give you an instruction or leading to do things that will cause everyone to favor you. It's not just needful to have the ability, you need to be instructed by the Lord. Therefore, when you praise God, He gives you instruction.

## **3. GOD PUT HIS HANDS ON YOU AND CREATE FORCEFUL ATMOSPHERE AROUND YOU THAT WILL CAUSE ALL PEOPLE TO FAVOR YOU**

There are men that carry atmosphere of favor everywhere they go. The hand of the Lord is upon them and everyone that comes in contact with the atmosphere is compelled to favor them. There is such level of dimension that will cause all people to favor.

And that is by the hand of the Lord.

#### **4. GOD WILL SHINE HIS FACE ON YOU, YOUR WORK AND MAKE ALL YOU DO TO BE DIFFERENT**

When the Lord shines His face on you, everyone is compelled to value you. When you are different, everyone will favor you. God cannot shine His face on you and you will not shine. One of the secret to shining is that God shine His face on you. God has a face. If God shines His face on you, what happens is that as the face of God shines, your face shines.

Remember when Moses came down from the mountain, the bible says the face of Moses shown brighter. One of the secret to shine in life, is that the Lord causes His face to shine on you. And how you can cause His face to shine upon you is by praising Him.

#### **5. GOD WILL PUT HIS WORD IN YOUR HEART AND IN YOUR MOUTH**

When you praise God for Favor, you will begin to say things that will make everyone to favor you. If you are a business person, there is something God can put in your heart that will compel partners to support you. There is a way you can talk to client that will makes them see you as someone they can transact with forever. Praising God will cause the

word to come into your heart. The word means insight, idea and revelation. God put those things in your heart, you will be able to think of it and visualize it. And when God also put it in your mouth, you will be able to share it in a way that everyone will be compelled to favor you.

## **THE OUTCOMES OF PRAISE FOR FAVOR**

### **1. PRAISE FOR FAVOR BRINGS REVELATIONS OF FAVOR**

There is a revelation of favor you need to have. Praise for favor will cause you to have the revelation of favor that others don't have. And all revelation come from scriptures. Something will pop out of the scripture into your spirit that will make you to have a new revelation from God.

Psalms 5:12

[12]For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

According to the above scripture, the Psalmist says, with your favor, you will surround the righteous. Therefore, favor is a shield.

Ephesians 6:16

[16]above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

According to the above Scripture, Apostle Paul



had the revelation of faith as a shield. The Psalmist saw favor as a shield. These are things that some young believers don't know. Especially those that focused only on New Testament would not know that the word of God is complete from Genesis to Revelation. The shield of protection is not only faith. Favor is also a shield.

What is a shield? Shield is a protection from attack. Something a warrior can hold to protect himself when an attack is directed toward him or her. When an arrow is shot, you will use a shield to protect yourself so that the arrow hit the shield not you. In the contemporary world, a shield are like bulletproof.

When you have a shield, you are protected and whatever is directed to you, you will just hit it with the shield and that thing go back. So, a shield is for protection from an attack. David praised God very well. And one day, God granted David a revelation that God can surround a righteous with the shield of favor. Any protection that faith can bring to you, favor can bring it to you. If the devil want to attack a person, with a faith, you can resist that attack. Also, with favor you can resist attack too. Favor will always cause God to do things for you that will not permit attack to come your way.

Faith is a shield and favor is also a shield. That is a revelation God gave the David. That's potency

of favor. You can't know more about favor if you don't praise God for favor. You cannot have more revelation about favor if you don't praise God for favor. You have got to say "God I thank you for your favor." And the more you do that the more He opens your eyes to more things about favor.

## **2. PRAISE FOR FAVOR BRINGS RECEPTION OF MORE FAVOR**

Luke 2:52

[52]And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus increased in favor with God and men. You can increase in favor. When you increase in favor, it means your acceptance, preference and support increase. When you praise God for favor, you set yourself up to receive more favor from the Lord.

More favor with God brings more instruction and elevation. More favor with men brings more connection and association. When you have more favor with God, what happen with you is that you have more instruction and more elevation. When you have more favor with men, what happen to you is that you have more connection and more association.

## **3. PRAISE FOR FAVOR BRINGS MANIFESTATION OF FAVOR**

It is one thing to have revelation, it's another thing to have manifestation.

Job 10:12

[12]You have granted me life and favor, And Your care has preserved my spirit.

Daniel 1:9

[9]Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

The above scriptures show the manifestation of favor. The manifestation of favor will make God and men to grant your request. If you request anything from God and your request is granted. Manifestation of favor makes a man get what he wants easily.

There are people who labour and struggle to get things in life. When favor manifest in your life, you get what you want easily and one of the ways to activate that is to praise God for favor. When you make request from the Lord, praise God as though that desire has been granted to you. Your praise to God should be before and after things happens.

Create that atmosphere for yourself where you can get things from the Lord easily. How that happens is that you begin to praise God for favor. As you do that, season of opportunity are opened up to you.

#### **4. PRAISE FOR FAVOR BRINGS ACCELERA-**

## **TION OF FAVOR**

Esther 2:17

[17]The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

From the above scripture, there is a favor that Esther received. That favor was accelerated. It wrought certain things to Esther. According to that passage, Esther became the wife of the King on the same day. The day she became the wife of the king is the same day she became the queen that replaced Vashti. On the same day, Esther got a house. On the same day, Esther got the royal possession. The attires that are meant for queens, the gadget that are meant for queen, she got all of these the same day. Also, Esther got servant. She has maid. She got them the same day.

Esther 2:18

[18]Then the king made a great feast, the Feast of Esther, for all his officials and servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in the provinces and gave gifts according to the generosity of a king.

Imagine someone who was once a slave was declared a feast for. Favor brought celebration for Esther because feast is about celebration. There is something favor can do for you. When it comes, it brings acceleration to several things in your life.

And one of that is the acceleration for celebration. Do you want to be celebrated in life? Receive favor. How? Praise God for favor and when you praise God for favor, it brings acceleration.

Esther was not the one that demands for feast, it was the marvelous doing of God, having influenced the mind of the King. Praising God will make God to do something for you speedily. There are some people that enjoy speed in life. You can also enjoy it too. When you praise God, you are saying, “God do for me what I cannot do for myself.” “Bless me just as I cannot bless myself.” God will do things for you speedily when you praise Him. When you praise God for favor, God will speed up the support you need to rise in life. God will speed up the opportunity you need. Praise for favor is one of the ways you activate speed over your life.

Any church that praise God for favor will always experience increase. The Bible says, “praising God and having favor with all the people, the Lord added to the church.” When a church praise God regularly, there will be additioning that will come. God will add to the church. Pastors must give themselves to praising God for the increase and growth they expect.

## **5. PRAISE FOR FAVOR BRINGS PROTECTION OF FAVOR**

One of the ways you bring protection over your favor is that you praise God. Your favor must be protected. You have to protect your favor by your character. You have to be humble. Your ability to keep relationship and love people and not to be angry will bring protection to your favor. Much more, you protect your favor by praising God.

Psalms 30:5

[5]For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

God reveals that the anger of God is for a moment but His favor is for life. When you have favor, it should be something you have forever and ever. His favor is for life. You don't enjoy it for short period of time. You protect your favor is by praising Him.

If you are lazy, you will lose favor. If you are not humble you will lose favor. If you are an angry person, you will lose favor. One of the things you must do regularly and consistently is that you must praise God every time. The more you praise God, the more He preserves your life. Praising God makes Him destroy whatever wants to tamper with His favor in your life.

## **HOW DO YOU PRAISE GOD FOR FAVOR**

### **1. YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH TO DECLARE**

## **ALL HIS FAITHFULNESS**

Give thanks to God always. Open your mouth and say things as the Lord has blessed you. Open your mouth as thus: Father I thank you for supporting me. I thank you for sending helper my ways. Father I thank you for making me great. The way you see yourself in the future, begin to thank God for it.

I thank you for giving me the wife you gave me. I thank you for giving the job you gave me. I thank you God for permitting me to become the director of this company. I thank you God for that gift you have put inside of me. I thank you God for making me a pastor.

Too many people know how to complain very well. They are an expert in complaining rather than praising. And that is why their life is not experiencing tremendous growth.

## **2. YOU SING UNTO HIM**

You sing to the Lord. Let praise come out of you. Praises is birthed in singing. Every time you make melodies to the Lord, you make Him happy.

## **3. YOU DANCE BEFORE HIM**

You praise the Lord by dancing before Him. As you dance before Him, favor is brought to you. As you dance before the Lord, favor is protected, sustained, accelerated, received, revealed, manifested.

Anywhere you are, you should open your mouth and praise Him for favor. Dance wherever you are and praise Him genuinely and as you do, you will see that favor will continue to manifest in your life.





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