

Understanding The Favor of God Part 3 The Wine!

KJV Proverbs 8:35 For whoso findeth me (wisdom) findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

Wisdom is having enough sense to listen to God and obey His Word!

Moses tells the people God will **favor** them if they listen and obey!

KJV Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

God calls the heavens His good storehouse (treasure)!

Because they were living in an agricultural world, God uses earthly terms and natural things to relate to the people.

Deu 11:14 that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil.

Here are the **three things** scripture says **favor** produces!

The rain is a type of favor, what it produces is tangible: The Covenant Blessings of The LORD!

Which is **Corn, wine and oil!**

Last week we ended our discussion with **corn** as a sign of God's favor now let's talk about **wine**.

- **Wine** is symbolic of many things in scripture but primarily The Holy Spirit!

This coming Sunday is **Pentecost**, the day The Holy Spirit was sent to earth to dwell in and with man.

The Holy Spirit comes from heaven, God's good store house, receiving The Holy Spirit is receiving the favor of God, often referred to as an **out-pouring!**

When speaking on the **Covenant Blessings** the scripture usually mentions **corn, wine and oil**, in that particular order.

There's a reason for this, **Jesus said...**

KJV John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Jesus is the corn that came from heaven first who had to die before the **wine** (Holy Spirit) **could come!**

The first **miracle** Jesus performed was turning **water into wine** at a marriage feast. (John chp 2)

Water is symbolic of **The Word of God** (Eph 5:26), Jesus turning water into wine is the sign of The Holy Ghost turning The Word of God into **revelation and power** in the lives of those married to The Lord.

The **Holy Ghost** is called The Comforter, The One called alongside to help!

KJV John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Remembrance here is *inspiration!*

- **Inspiration** is “the immediate influence of God upon one's life.”

The Holy Spirit breathes life on The Word of God making Jesus alive and real to us, not just words spoken, heard and read!

A person receiving The Word without The Spirit can often feel confused, belittled and condemned by It!

.... “*for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*” **2 Cor 3:6b**

Joh 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Water refreshes, but wine (The Spirit) refreshes and makes the heart merry (The Joy of The Lord)!

KJV Psalm 104:15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

It is The Holy Spirit who takes The Word of God and gives us understanding and revelation that strengthens and makes us glad!

KJV Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

The Holy Ghost is medicine to our lives, He is always there to teach, coach, strengthen and encourage us when no one else is!

Pro 18:14 The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, But a broken spirit who can bear?

It is The Holy Spirit who gives (new) life and strength to our spirits, making our mind, bodies and emotions strong enough to overcome anything the devil throws at us!

As Jesus continued in The Word obeying God and His parents!

KJV Luke 2:40 And the child grew (Jesus), and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace (favor) of God was upon him.

Jesus grew stronger and stronger in spiritual power, gaining favor with God and man until He was ready to fulfill His destiny and confront Satan and the sins of this world on the cross.

NIV Luke 22:42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.