

## Understanding The Favor of God Part 2!

*KJV Psalm 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.*

**Anger** is the opposite of **favor**!

Most historians believe David wrote this after he sinned against God by numbering Israel. (2 Sam 24:1-9, 1 Chron 21:1)

David's name means "*beloved of God*"!

David knew what it meant to be beloved of God, for God favored him above his **six brothers**, the king's son and **every other man in Israel** anointing him king.

When David committed adultery and had Uriah killed, he should have been stoned based on The Law of Moses—God spared him!

When David numbered Israel, it was a lack of faith in God's ability, David needed to know how many people were with him as if God on his side wasn't enough!

David also knew more about the **anger** of God, because of the things I just mentioned.

This angered God *ESV 1 Chronicles 21:1 Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.*

Once again God is **very** angry with His beloved king David!

Counting Israel was a sin because whenever God required a census every citizen had to give an offering (Ex 30:12) or sign up for military service (Num 1:4).

God was making no such requirement of the people, it was David's pride, Joab David's general knew it was unwise.

**When was the last time you did someone a favor?**

People don't do many favors now days because they feel either **abused** or **entitled**.

It's harder today to do favors because people will abuse your kindness!

We live in an **entitled society**!

- **Entitled** meaning people believing they're are owed something; their primary focus is on what they deserve and have rights to!

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Who gets what they're owed first; Blacks who for hundreds of years built this country through slavery, racism and death?

Women who have been treated as less than human by the same system that oppresses all who are not a part of the club.

You see people don't understand why the black man in particular acts out the way they often do!

Creating this stereotype of the "angry black man"!

Blacks and black men in particular wear their feels on their shoulders because they (we) have had to for centuries in this country shut our feelings down and burry them deep within our subconscious.

In order to survive when a white man took our wives and daughters, beat us unmercifully in front of our sons, spit on us for walking by and calling us boy after we've done the work of ten men!

It's documented the first slaves were brought to America in 1619, 400 hundred years ago.

*Genesis 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;*

**Slavery** was abolished in **1865**, for **154 years** black people have watched others come to the US and get **many of the privileges** we should have gotten and never have.

This is a constant reminder of how America feels about us reinforcing and stimulating bad feelings we have about being ignored and overlooked.

Remember **entitlement** is what a person is owed, deserves and has the right to!

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This **backlog** has produced over **154 years** of pressure that must be released!

Only the powerful can relieve this pressure, but they won't because empowering the powerless weakens the powerful.

Giving favor to the oppressed takes favor from the oppressor!

Only the **righteous** can and do fulfill the **promises** they make!

Promises to grant favor are only as good as the people who make them!

Since **only God is good and has all power**; He alone can show mercy when mercy is needed and favor when favor is needed!

*ESV Exodus 2:23* During those many days (the days Moses was in Midian) the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God.

This is the Pharaoh who wanted to kill Moses but Moses left and went to Midian, he had to die before God would send Moses back to deliver the people this took roughly 40 years.

Some devils you cast out, others you last out!

While Moses was going through the wilderness and getting used to his new life in the desert as a sheep herder, Pharaoh was dying!

Sometimes we think we have it hard while we're going through our wilderness experience, not realizing while we're suffering in the wilderness our enemies are dying in luxury!

- **I call it The Paradox of The Palace.**

A paradox is an absurd and contradictory statement that turns out to be true!

How can one live in a barren place like the wilderness and thrive? Also, how can one live in a palace and yet be deprived of a good life?

*KJV Proverbs 21:19* It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Only God can preserve and prosper life in the place of death (wilderness) and allow death in the place of richness and splendor!

*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 things scripture say **rain** comes to produce!

**Corn, wine and oil! The Covenant Blessings of The LORD!**

The **rain** is a form of favor, what it produces in our lives is the tangible blessing or the results of The Favor of God!

- **Corn** and wheat often referred to in scripture as **grain** is a symbol of provision and prosperity!

One of the meanings for **Corn** in Hebrew is “**increase**” because grain increases rapidly spawns and becomes numerous the more its sown!

*NIV 2 Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

The **Favor of God** shows up in our lives through the **increase** of what we **sow**.

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

*Psa 23:5 Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.*

What’s in the cup, **wine** of course!

**Wine** is also a symbol of joy, celebration and victory!

The joy of The Lord is our strength, it gives us the victory so we can celebrate the goodness of The Lord.

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

**The Favor of God** shows up in a real and tangible way in our lives through **victory that causes joy and celebration!**

- **Oil** is symbolic of **life**, because oil was used everyday for most every daily function. Particularly olive oil, in fact ancient Jewish tradition has the “Tree of Life” in The Garden as an olive tree.

But we know that the primary function of **oil** in The Bible is for the **anointing!**

*Psalm 92:9 For behold, your enemies, O LORD, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.*

*10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.*

**The Favor of God** shows up in our lives by the **anointing**, God continually anoints us as He uses us to fight and defeat His enemies.

*KJV Psalm 104:13 He (God) watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.*

*14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;*

*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.*

The **corn, wine and oil** are the covenant blessings God favors His children with!

We should expect them when as we walk in The wisdom of the Word!