

The Living Way Church

FINDING FAVOR WITH GOD (IV)

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INTRODUCTION

The favor of God comes from His grace that causes all kinds of good things to happen to us.

To put it simply, it means that God likes you!

Think about what the favor of God did for the people of God such as Joseph, Moses, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, etc.

Think about what the favor of God can do for you, your family, your work, and your finance.


Today we will discover how we can keep the favor of God, i.e. that we may not fall out of favor with God.


Ps 30:5 For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

FALLING OUT OF FAVOR

There are only two kinds of people: those who are under God's anger and those who are under His favor. There's no in between. We fall out of God's favor when we are under His anger.


What brings the anger of God? _____


 **Rom 1:18** The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,


 **Eph 5:6** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.

Look out for the sin of _____, which stems from pride and self-will, taking things for granted.

David said in **Ps 30:6**, "When I felt secure, I said, 'I will never be shaken.'" When things are going well, we may have a false sense of security, but when trials and testing come, can we stand?

 **Matt 26:41** Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

 **1 Cor 10:12** So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

 **2 Cor 13:5** Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.

What happen when we are under God's anger? _____

Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor His ear too dull to hear.
But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden His face from you,
so that He will not hear.

Isa 59:1-2

Look at David's experience in **Ps 30:7**, "O Lord, when You favored me, You made my mountain stand firm; but when You hid Your face, I was dismayed." The Message translation says, "I fell to pieces."

The Israelites were invincible when they walked in obedience to the Lord. The favor of the Lord surrounded them like a shield. But when they walked away from God, *they fell to pieces*.

FAVOR CAN BE RESTORED

How do we return to the favor of God? _____

📖 **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

📖 **Mal 3:7** Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from My decrees and have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty.

He is a gracious and merciful God!

Look at the contrast in **Ps 30:5**,

His anger	His favor
A moment	
Weeping for a night	
Wailing	
Sackcloth	

God's favor is for a lifetime towards His children.

My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,
and do not lose heart when He rebukes you,
6 because the Lord disciplines those He loves,
and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.

Heb 12:5-6

Indeed, _____ triumphs over judgment! (**James 2:13**)

CONCLUSION

Don't stay out of God's favor. Go for His favor!

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