



THE FAVOR ZONE

FROM THE SERIES: WALKING IN FAVOR

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TEXT: Deuteronomy 28:1-2 KJV

1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2 all these blessings shall come on thee, and **overtake** thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION:

Living in the present favor of God (**The Favor Zone**) is a concept deeply rooted in the Christian faith, emphasizing the believer's relationship with God and the experience of His grace (**FAVOR**) and blessings in daily life.

SPIRITUAL REALITY: THE FAVOR OF GOD

The Favor of God is a State of:

- Mind/Revelation/Understanding
- Expectancy
- Receiving
- Giving

THE FAVOR ZONE Every Day:

- Believe
- Receive
- Declare (Confession)
- Expect

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GOD SURPRISES: FAVOR

Deuteronomy 28:2 KJV

all these blessings shall come on thee, and **overtake** thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

OVERTAKE DEFINED

Overtake In Hebrew = Surprise

Our Expectation should be to anticipate God to Surprise us with His Favor.

We are **Not surprised by the act of God's blessing/favor (because He promised in His Word...)**

We are Surprised by:

- Who He uses
- How He does it
- The Way He does it

CHARACTERISTIC OF GOD'S FAVOR

Favor is:

- Unstoppable
- Not occasional, but daily (ex: The Lord's Pray...daily bread promised)
- Forever

Deuteronomy 28:3-6 KJV

³ Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

⁴ Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

⁵ Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

⁶ Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

FAVOR ZONE – VICINITY, SPOT, LOCALE, "THIS PART..."

Goshen The Favor Zone

Exodus 9:26 KJV

²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

THE FULNESS OF THE BLESSING/FAVOR

Romans 15:29 KJV

And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the **fulness of the blessing** of the Gospel of Christ.

FULNESS DEFINED

The Fulness of Blessing = A State of Abounding – Plentiful, abundance

Objective: To walk in the Fulness of the Blessing

Favor – The state of abounding not just occasionally. It's Every moment of the day. Every day. Every week. For the rest of your life.

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST – EXPLICATED (EXPLAINED) BY JESUS

Luke 4:18-19 Amplified Bible

18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME (the Messiah),

BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO ANNOUNCE RELEASE (pardon, forgiveness) TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED (downtrodden, bruised, crushed by tragedy),

19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD [the day when salvation and the favor of God abound greatly]."

NOTE: POOR REFERS TO BOTH: SPIRITUALLY AND ECONOMICALLY

NOTE: THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR.

This phrase refers to the Jubilee year described in Leviticus 25:10, a time when debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and land was returned to its original owners. It symbolizes a period of divine grace and mercy. In the context of Jesus' ministry, it signifies the inauguration of a new era of salvation and grace through Him.

NOTE: LIVING IN THE PRESENT FAVOR OF GOD

The passage calls believers to recognize and live in the present reality of God's favor, making the most of the opportunities for spiritual growth and service.

STEPPING INTO THE FAVOR ZONE

Goshen symbolically demonstrates that **The Favor Zone** can exist during the worst of time. **Independent of circumstances.** However, God's people had to step into Goshen and remain there. **We must step into the Favor Zone and remain there.**

How to Step into: THE FAVOR ZONE Every Day:

- **Believe**
- **Receive**
- **Declare (Confession)**
- **Expect**

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Genesis 47:6 The land of Egypt is before thee; **in the best of the land** make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell:

Exodus 8:22

And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that **no swarms of flies** shall be there, in order that you may know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the land.

Exodus 9:26

Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, there was **no hail**.

THE FAVOR ZONE: THERE ARE NO LIMITS.

The Favor Zone Goes beyond Human Reasoning...

Genesis 13:14-15 KJV

14 And the Lord said unto Abram, **after that Lot was separated from him**, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 **For all the land** which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Power Quote: "Don't let the fear of choosing make you choose nothing"

J. Duplantis

FAVOR ZONE – A SHEILD – A CANOPY/UMBRELLA

Psalms 5:11-12 KJV

¹¹ But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

¹² For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him **as with a shield.**

Psalms 5:12 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Lord, how wonderfully you bless the righteous. Your favor wraps around each one and covers them **under your canopy** of kindness and joy.

Canopy = a shelter, providing protection. An umbrella for protection.

An umbrella will not change the forecast. It will not stop the rain. It will not stop the wind. It will not completely keep you dry.

The umbrella of God's Favor will not change the forecast of what is going on in the world. But it does provide protection.

Believe and Receiving God's Favor Increase your Compacity which increases the size of Your Big Umbrella.

Ex: little faith, no faith, great faith

The size of the umbrella does not change the forecast. But it provides more protection.

In times like these. We can live under it the Big Umbrella of Favor. God want us to experience His favor continuously. Especially when things are bad.

DEFINITION OF GOD'S FAVOR: God steps into our circumstances and situations making a Game Changing Difference.

1 Peter 1:7 The trial of your faith,

John 10:10 Thief comes to steal

1 Peter 5:8 As a roaring lion

The canopy does not stop any of the above mentioned. But it does prevent the enemy from being successful. **FAVOR GIVES US THE ADVANTAGE.**
Stay under the Canopy of Favor.

THE CANOPY/SHEILD DESCRIBED IN SCRIPTURES

Psalms 91: 1-2 KJV

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

CANOPY OF GOD'S FAVOR: CLOUD AND FIRE – ON YOUR LIFE FOREVER

Number 9:15-16 KJV

¹⁵ And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, namely, the tent of the testimony: and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning.

¹⁶ So **it was alway**: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

Learn to Stay Under the Canopy. By the following:

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