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GOD'S FAVOR SHIELD

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Psalm 5:12

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalm 84:11
Romans 8:32

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I thank You that Your favor covers me like a shield. By faith, I connect to everything associated with this favor. I declare because I have favor with You, I have also found favor in the sight of men; and for that reason, I get promotions beyond my qualifications in Jesus' name

For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield. - Psalm 5:12 (ESV)

Why is it that the swift doesn't always win the race? The strong doesn't always win the battle? Bread isn't always given to the wise, skillful person; and why doesn't riches always follow men of great understanding? It is because God's favor is an essential element to man's promotion; and favor isn't always fair.

Favor is an act of kindness shown to people beyond what is due them; it is to assist, support and provide them with advantages. By choice, God has released His favor upon every believer as suggested by our text. This favor is unmerited, hence, we do not qualify for it. The result of God's favor is seen scattered through scriptures in the lives and circumstances of His people.

For example, the sun stood still for Joshua's army, because they needed to fight non-stop till their enemies were defeated. It brought restoration to crippled Mephibosheth who thought he was a dead dog. Daniel spent the night in a cage with hungry lions without being devoured; and it took Esther from her low estate to share the throne in Persia. (Joshua 10:12-14, 2 Samuel 9:1-8, Daniel 6:21-22, & Esther 2:5-17).

We see then that God's favor is a mark of distinction, a covenant of exemption, which comes in when you have been given up to fail or die, and it makes your case different. It gives you what you cannot achieve by your own strength; and elevates you from the miry clay to sit with kings.

Therefore, as a child of God who is covered with God's favor shield, you shouldn't expect anything less from God. Connect your faith to His favor and expect to see all-round goodness and supernatural results from your natural efforts in the daily affairs of your life. Remember, promotion comes from God! (Psalm 75:6).

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