

Costumes

Pt. 5 - The Favor Frock

Psalm 5:12, For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

- God wants to dress us in favor.

Note - Israelites, Moabites, Jebusites, what do you call those who live in favor? Favorites! God doesn't have favorites? Think again! Favor ain't fair!

Psalm 84:11, For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

4 Things to Know About God's Favor

1. We live in an hour of God's favor.

2 Corinthians 6:2, I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Note - We are so focused on judgement we live oblivious to God's favor!

Quote - "If God doesn't judge America, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorra." God doesn't have to apologize to ANYONE!

James 4:2-3, You have not because you ask not.

2. It is possible for favor to grow.

Luke 2:51-52, And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 18:28-30, Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

Note - Do not be satisfied with a little when God says you can have a lot.

Example - 2 Kings 13 - Elisha and Joash

3. God uses favor to guide us.

Zachariah 11:10, Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with all the nations.

Note - The staff of the shepherd is used to guide the sheep. Stop asking God to bless what you're doing and start doing what God is blessing!

Example - Multiple services, multi-sites

4. True success is impossible without favor.

Nehemiah 1:11, "Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

Note - We arrogantly believe we can pull ourselves up by our own boot straps but there has never been a truly "self-made" man!

Psalms 90:17, May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands.

Example - Church growth

Acts 2:46-47, They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and

enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- We can secure the favor of God upon our lives.

5 Buttons on the Favor Frock

1. Faithfulness

Proverbs 3:3-4, Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Note - Pray, stay in the Word, live a holy life, go to church, pay your tithes, share your faith, honor your wedding vows, spend time with your kids, encourage your friends, help the less fortunate, etc.

2. Wisdom

Proverbs 8:35, For whoever finds me (wisdom) finds life and receives favor from the LORD.

Note - Consider wisdom in every decision. It isn't always the easy thing or popular thing - but it's the RIGHT thing!

3. Honesty

Proverbs 28:23, He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

Note - Favor isn't the result of sucking up!

4. Prayer

2 Corinthians 1:11, Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.

Note - Through prayer we bind what Satan is doing to

through prayer we find what Satan is doing to prevent God's favor and we loose the favor God intends for us. Fight for favor!

5. Humility

Proverbs 3:34, He mocks the mockers, but gives grace to the humble.

Note - Point out the virtue of God and others and trade the attire of arrogance for the favor frock!

One way to button up favor is to show favor yourself. Favor received is often the fruit of favor given!

Example - Sewing into Jordan AG and reaping during the Drive Campaign

· The greatest form of favor is God's plan of salvation.

Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."