**Do Me a Favor**

**Part One - Favor Ain’t Fair**

**Psalm 5:12**

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

**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.

**Genesis 6:7-8**

And the LORD said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing - all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” 8 But Noah found favor with the LORD.

**Matthew 24:37**

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Note - This prophecy is as much about God’s favor as it is about man’s fate.

**Daniel 11:32**

…but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

**Four 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.

**James 4:2**

…You have not because you ask not.

**2. Favor can increase.**

**Luke 2:52**

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**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.

**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.”

**Psalm 127:1**

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

**Psalm 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.

**Favor can be secured.**

**Psalm 30:5**

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

**How to Secure Favor**

**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.

**2. Wisdom**

**Proverbs 8:35**

For whoever finds me (wisdom) finds life and receives favor from the LORD.

**3. Honesty**

**Proverbs 28:23**

He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favor than he who has a flattering tongue.

**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.

**5. Obedience**

**Genesis 6:22**

So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

**The greatest form of favor is righteousness.**

**Luke 2:14**

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”