

MYSTERY OF OBTAINING GOD'S FAVOR

Our blessing of a prosperous life in Christ is a result of God's **Favor** being given to us. God is a **Rewarder**. (*Hebrews 11:6*) He gives as we do things that He specifically ordained. Some are doing **COMPASSIONATE GOOD DEEDS**. (*Proverbs 12:2*) (*Galatians 6:10*)

Born Again to show Love

We were born again by the Mercy and Spirit of a Loving God. (*Ephesians 2:4-5*) He then crowned us with two of His own Divine Attributes: (1) **Lovingkindness** and (2) **Tender Mercy**. (*Psalms 103:2-4*) These two attributes of Himself is placed upon us. We are kind, merciful children of Him. Now, we must show mercy, do good, then obtain His Favor. In doing, we are exhibiting His Attributes by following His command to love one another. (*St. John 13:34*)

Qualifying for Supernatural Favor

Keep in mind, God owns everything. His Favor is obtained by our actions. We "see" a person's need. We also "see" the person's inability to meet that need. (*1 John 3:16-17*) We compassionately show kindness by releasing resources of our time, energy, money, etc. and help the person. (*Psalms 37:21*) This "kind act" moves the Heart of God. He rewards it with Favor.

Favor in Operation

God's Favor gives us physical things that He owns. The things are already existing on earth. They are in the possession of people. Houses, cars, clothing, money—all are already on the earth. They are simply waiting for God's Favor to be given to us to receive of them follows:

- 1 **Ownership**—God owns the entire earth and everything in it. He owns the people living on the earth. (*Psalms 24:1*) People are in possession of His goods. Their hearts are in His Hands. He "takes control" and "turns" their hearts from "natural selfishness" to "kind generosity" toward us whenever He chooses. (*Proverbs 21:1*)
- 2 **God Shows Mercy**—God's Favor is imbedded in His **Mercy**. He "sees" our need for things as well as our inability to supply the need ourselves. Since He owns the earth and the people, He always has the supply available. Out of His Mercy, He "**gives**" us Favor; which we do not earn, we believe to receive it after doing His command.
- 3 **In People's Sight**—God's Favor is given to us in the **sight** of people: those in authority and those who have available resources. He sends Favor down in three sovereign works of His Power: (1) He **takes control** of people's hearts and minds, (2) He **turns** their hearts in our direction to bless us and (3) He **makes them** freely release things that they have to us. Favor is done as a reward for our having shown mercy and given to help others. As we sow seeds of kindness, we are certain to reap a harvest of God's Favor. (*Hebrews 6:10*) We must expect Favor while we are giving.

Example: God's Children in Egypt (*Genesis 12:35-36*)

God owns the entire earth. His children were slaves in bondage in Egypt with little more than their labor. God "saw" their captivity and their need for freedom. He was moved with compassion toward them because of their need. He Supernaturally "took control" of the hearts of the Egyptian people. He "turned" their hearts toward His children and "made them" give His children valuables—silver and gold. The silver and gold did not come down from the sky. God moved them, the Egyptians, and the God of the Egyptians "turned" them.