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E-votional 49

Favor

Psalm 30:7-9 (NKJV)

Lord, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled. I cried out to You, O Lord; And to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?"

This passage is one that shows just how much we are in need of God in our lives. A mere acquaintance with Him will not do, we must have His favor upon us. The favor of God is His desire for us and pleasure with us and shows His hand at work in and through us. In short, His favor on our lives brings down great spiritual blessing as well as provisions for our lives. In short, when we are in right standing with God, we know it and at the same time yearn for it and endeavor to have more of it.

However, something comes to mind in this endeavor that we must realize in order to really find God's favor. It is not all about His material blessings or what He can do for us. Don't get me wrong, I am a firm believer that when one seeks first God's Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33) and prioritizes their lives according to His will alone that such blessings will fall on them and even overtake them at times. No, it is much deeper than this. One must have God as their blessing. When this is accomplished within oneself, that person will in fact have more than if they just set their minds on the material things. Very simply, we must be glory seekers. That is that we are more satisfied with God's favor in relation to His Presence than we are in what He can give us. This favor will make our mountain stand strong because what we are seeking is immovable and cannot be taken away from us, for He is forever.

I am reminded of Moses wanting more of the Lord in his own life and also on behalf of the people of Israel. Check out Exodus 33:12-16 (ESV)

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you

have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

Praise You Lord!

Notice how in this passage that Moses already found favor in God's sight, yet he was still inquiring on how to find favor in His sight. This is rather interesting and speaks of a continual and abiding desire to have the favor of God in one's life. Let us never think that we have arrived at some pinnacle of our walk with God. God dwells in eternity and eternity is unsearchable. Therefore, if we think we can reach the limits of God's favor, we are mistaken. For this reason, let us take the position of Moses here and press in evermore.

Lord, we realize that You alone make our mountain stand strong. That is that You make us strong no matter what may come against us. But if we place our hope in the things You give us more than we place our hope in You then we will be misled into a false sense of security every time. Father give us this grace of knowing You and experiencing You on a continual and growing basis. We cannot stand apart from You, so help us to find Your favor even in the midst of Your favor. Sometimes when we think we have arrived; we tend to draw back and drift away from seeking more. Please lord give us a nudge back in the direction of Your favor no matter where we are and help us to simply abide in Your Presence and be satisfied with You. In Jesus name. Amen

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