

## The Covenant of Grace and Favor

Someone once said that in life we do not necessarily get what we deserve but what we negotiate. It is equally true in spiritual matters that we do not get what we deserve, only what we activate. The Twin Covenant of Grace and Favor is not based on what we deserve. Grace has been defined as undeserved favor. And favor has been defined as "an act of kindness beyond what is due or usual." If it is not due us, then it is undeserved.

As a result of God's grace and favor towards us, we can tap into receiving many things that naturally speaking, we should not have, we don't deserve and nor are they due us. God just gives them to us because He chooses to do so. The greatest of these gifts is that of salvation. The book of Ephesians tells us "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

Grace can also be explained in this way. Grace is what bridges the gap between the end of your strength, abilities and resources and your desired results. Someone also pointed out that the absence of Grace expresses itself in human struggle. Whenever we allow ourselves to be frustrated in seeking to accomplish something, it is because we have left God out and are seeking to do it in our own strength. Our Father wants us to get a revelation of grace that will revolutionize our thinking when we face seemingly insurmountable or impossible or trying situations. "My grace is sufficient for you" He told the apostle Paul "My strength is perfected in weakness" 2 Corinthians 12:9.

This is why we can boldly say under the covenant of grace "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

So, what about favor? How does favor differ from grace or how is it connected to grace? We can say that grace expresses itself in the favor that is granted or that favor is the gift we receive when grace is extended to us. God told the children of Israel that they did not obtain the Promised land by their own sword but because "He favored them." Favor will obtain for us what money, status, education and experience cannot. Favor is what will give you a position over thousands of candidates more "qualified" than you. Favor is what gives us a "yes" when we've been told "no" so many times.

But both grace and favor must be activated by faith. We must come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. What activates the grace? It is opening our mouth and asking boldly. How did salvation come through grace? We believed in our heart and confessed with our mouth. What happens when we get favor? Disappointment turns into gladness. How do we obtain favor? We ask for it. Jesus told His followers that up to that time they had asked for nothing, but that from that time on they were to ask that their joy might be full. Let us activate our covenants of grace and favor.

## I activate the Covenant of Grace!

I declare today that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13. I am kept by the Grace of God. "Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace." Romans 6:14 NLT

I activate the Grace of God to live for Him and to flow in his gifts. "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10 NKJV

I receive God's mercy and grace to help me. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

I activate the *Covenant of Favor* over my life today!

I say that people are lining up to show me Favor. I say that no Favor that the Father has for me will be denied. "Lord, how wonderfully you bless the righteous. Your favor wraps around each one and covers them under your canopy of kindness and joy." Psalms 5:12 TPT

I find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. "That's how you will find favor and understanding with both God and men— you will gain the reputation of living life well." Proverbs 3:4 TPT

This year is a year of unprecedented favor for us and we are prepared to be amazed. Luke 4:19

"To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound]. [Isa. 61:1, 2.]" Luke 4:19 AMPC

The Favor of God is upon my family, ministry and business. "And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!" Psalms 90:17 NLT

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