

## Divine Favor II

Earlier, we shared about divine favor with God and man. We need a favor in our lives every day, because we encounter things that only God can get us through and we need to believe God for favor. Romans 8:26-28 says, <sup>26</sup> **Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.** <sup>27</sup> **And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God.*** <sup>28</sup> **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his purpose.***

It's very important that we spend time every day, and praying in the spirit. All day long, take advantage and take the opportunity of praying in the spirit. This is what God gave the church that no one ever had before, and He promised us when we did pray in spirit, He would work out everything for our good. Everything that we're confronted with, God **can** and God **will** turn around for our good. All He needs from us is our obedience - our total submission to God and His will.

James 4:7: **Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

The more we pray in the spirit, the easier it will be for us to walk in the spirit, which will help keep us from getting in the flesh. When we're in the flesh, things don't work out for our good. It's when we get over into the spirit of prayer that God can turn the situation around for our good with divine favor.

I remember one time, when I put a deposit down to purchase a car. That was on Friday, and by the time the weekend rolled around, I realized that I had missed God. I spent the whole weekend praying in the spirit, and reading Romans 8:26-28, because I needed God to get me out of the situation. The whole situation was a mess. First of all, I did something that I had no business doing; I did something of the flesh and not of the spirit and I **knew** I did.

The business knew I was a minister; the salesman wasn't saved, and for me to try to get out of this deal, it wasn't going to look good. My mind, and the devil bringing thoughts to my mind made it almost unbearable. The thoughts kept coming to me, "*The salesman is unsaved. How is this going to look?*" But I had promised God that I would always do what He told me to do if I **knew** what He told me to do, and this was just a test of my commitment.

So, I just kept praying in tongues; I didn't know what else I could do. I promised the Lord that the first thing Monday morning, I would go to the dealership and tell the salesman that I wasn't going to be purchasing the car. All I could think about was, "*How this is going to look?*" I kept telling the Lord how important it was that a Christian keep their word; and that integrity was so important in the ministry and this salesman wasn't saved and how was this going to appear him? But I still knew in my heart that I had to go face the salesman and tell him I couldn't buy the car, regardless of how it may appear. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.** (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Virtually all my waking time, I just kept praying in tongues. I hardly even slept that weekend. The devil worked on me all weekend long. He kept telling my mind to go ahead and buy the car anyway. Finally, I fell asleep early Monday morning, and when I did, I had a dream. In that dream, the Lord showed me that the salesman had lied to me -the contract was not valid, and that in addition to all that, he had charged me \$1,300 too much.

I had no idea that all this was going on. He seemed like the nicest man, and so friendly. I had no idea that he was being deceitful. In the dream, it was so detailed how I could prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, of how the contract was false. And to make everything even more amazing, after the Lord

showed me all that in the dream I had, He told me not to say anything to the salesman of what I knew. He said what He had shown me was to help soothe my conscience. Like most of things in my life that the Lord showed me about other people, I've never uttered a word about it to anyone, especially to them. But suddenly, the Lord just shows up and lets you know that you can't do business with that person. As I've told people many times, I know a lot more than I ever say.

So I got up that morning and I drove to the dealership. As I walked in, early that morning, the salesman was there at his desk in the showroom and he saw me walk in. He was so happy and all smiles, as he let me know the car was almost ready-just a few more details to take care of. All of the other salesmen were standing around. I was the only customer and I thought, "Lord, here goes!" I said, "Mr. So and So, I've come to tell you that I will not be purchasing the car".

He went into a mad rage! I had never seen anything like that happen. He cursed me, swore I'd be sued, cursed me for being a minister, and threw things off his desk and across the showroom. Little did he realize that he'd gone too far, for the owner of the dealership was watching him, as well as all of his co-workers.

In a very calm voice, I said, "Mr. So-and-So, you can do what you feel you must do to me. I am sorry". And as I turned back to look him, he realized that I knew about the contract and the overcharge and that he had been caught. He had worked for that company for several years and had boasted to his co-workers that a minister was always an easy sell--that they knew nothing and that he could always fool them. I would have just been another statistic. For, like the other ministers, I believed him. The only difference is, I had realized I'd missed God and spent the whole weekend long praying in the spirit.

And of course, I had asked the Lord to forgive me for not checking with Him first. The Lord gave me divine favor with that dealership and protected the ministry and stopped that man from working at that dealership anymore and messing up other ministers. Though I didn't have to say a word to him about what I knew, he became like a little puppy, as though he just got caught chewing up the newspaper. I didn't have to say anything, because the presence of the Lord was there, and the Lord did it all.

The man exposed himself in front of all those people. I remember leaving and feeling sorry for the man, but he'd been dishonest from the beginning, not only with me, but apparently with others as well, and his dishonesty nullified the agreement. The car that he was supposed to be selling me wasn't really the car that he represented to me. I never had to defend myself; God took care of me.

Favor is a miracle blessing that we all need, whether we did right, or whether we did wrong, regardless of the situation that we're in. We all need God to get us out of messy situations. And, all He needs us to do is to do what He tells us to do and keep praying in the spirit so He can work things out for our good. He just needs our prayer and our faith, along with our obedience. He will do the rest. It'll be greater than we even thought God would do when He comes through for us, for He said in Ephesians 3:20, **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

Whenever you need divine favor, I want you to pray this prayer that I want to share with you and use it. And, God to come through with your miracle. You won't be disappointed!

**God, I come to You today in Jesus' Name. You said in John 16:23, 24 *And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. <sup>24</sup>Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.***

**And I'm asking you for a divine favor miracle, according to Proverbs 3:4 *So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.***

**Mark 10:27 *With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.***

**God, You're the only One that can get me out of this trouble and turn the situation around for my good and in my favor. So, I am asking You for \_\_\_\_\_, and**

I'm asking You in the Name of Jesus, for you said in Mark 11:24, *Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Acts 10:34 *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*

And God, by faith, I receive my miracle now, in Jesus' Name and I thank You that You granted my favor.

**Satan, I take authority over you in the Name of Jesus. You'll not keep me from receiving my miracle, for greater is He that is in me than he that is in you. And, whatever I bind on earth is bound in heaven. So Satan, I bind you from the situation (name the situation), in Jesus' Name.**

Now I want you to bow your knees, lifting your hands to God, and thank Him that you've got what you've prayed for. And every time you think about it, just get on your knees and lift your hands and thank the Lord that it's all taken care of and just keep quoting to yourself Mark 11:24.

Now, here's the important part: spend all the time you can praying in tongues and see yourself with your miracle. And, whatever God tells you do, you do that and He won't fail to come through for you, in Jesus' Name .

I look forward to hearing your testimony and sharing with you tomorrow.

**Brother Rich**

**And remember, God wishes above things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers ( 3 John 2).**