



“Favour Follows Working Faith”

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Texts: Romans 12:3, Psalm 30:1-6, Psalm 5:12, Proverbs 3:3-4, Esther 2:17, Esther 4:11-17, Esther 5: 1-7, James 2:14-26

Many well intending Christians never discover and take advantage of the supernatural connection between working Faith and God’s Favour. They never apply works or actions that correspond to or reflect the faith Romans 12:3 says they have been given by God.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

As powerful and supernatural as Faith is, it must have works or corresponding actions to be alive and be effective. In fact without works or actions it’s dead being alone.

**James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?
17: Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.
18: Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.
20: But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?**

21: Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22: Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

See also Genesis 22:1-13, and Hebrews 11:17-19.

24: Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

26: For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

In Psalm 30:5 David says in God’s **favour is life**, and in Psalm 5:12 he says God’s compasses the righteous with **favour**.

The word favour comes from the Hebrew word **rawstone # 7522** in the Hebrew dictionary, and means: to be pleased with, to satisfy or pay a debt for, to take pleasure in, to approve to delight in, to like, to pardon.

If we put our Faith to work with actions that correspond to what we believe whether it be by confession of God’s word, sincere prayer and fasting, radical praise before we see anything, etc. God’s divine Favour will Follow our Faith and give us special consideration, privileges, opportunities, preferred status and treatment, etc.

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Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

2: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

3: Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

4: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Note that the word favour here comes from the Hebrew word **khane # 2580** in the Hebrew dictionary, and means: graciousness, kindness, preference, special standing and privileges, with God and people.

In order to experience God’s Favour we must get as much exposure to God’s spoken word as possible so our Faith will constantly come into being and function. Then we must put some works with it so it will be alive and attract God’s Favour to us. God’s divine Favour is attracted to working Faith. Let’s study some clear examples of this principle found with people in the scripture.

The synagogue ruler Jairus’ Faith with works and action got Jesus’ attention and got him preferential treatment and Jesus’ immediate response to raise his daughter from the dead. Also the woman with the issue of blood of

twelve long years put radical Faith in action and got Jesus’ attention in the midst of a tremendously large crowd and got favoured with miracle healing.

Matthew 9:18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

First we must realize and acknowledge this is radical and abnormal Faith and radical works to go find Jesus with a dead daughter at home. Jesus and Favour followed Jairus and his radical Faith all the way home and raised his daughter from the dead. Jairus didn’t allow the natural physical facts and circumstance to block his Faith and stop his works. We should not allow it to stop ours either because **Favour Follows Faith.**

19: And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

Next we find the woman with the issue of blood refusing to be denied or deprived of her miracle healing any longer. She applies works of saying within herself that she would be healed if she did the Faith works of touching the hem of Jesus’ garment in spite of the tremendous crowd she had to work her way

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through. We too must refuse to be denied or deprived and put some radical works with our Faith so God’s divine Favour can follow and come in our behalf.

20: And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

21: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.

22: But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

23: And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

24: He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25: But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

In Matthew Chapter 8 Favour followed the centurion’s radical Faith which Jesus called Great Faith not ever seen in Israel with God’s people, and got him special preferred treatment and his servant healed. Jesus was going to give him a special personal home visit without even being on His schedule. When we

put radical Faith works in motion people will change their schedules for us and give us access where it’s not supposed to be given.

Matthew 8: 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6: And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7: And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8: The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Note: He wasn’t even Jewish and entitled to Jesus’ ministry, but he believed in the supernatural power of the spoken word. Do we?

9: For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10: When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

13: And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go

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thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

Favour followed Esther’s Faith when she and her maidens fasted 3 days and nights and got all the Jews delivered from the death threat and sentence from wicked Haman in Esther 4:15-17, and Esther 5:1-7. She got preferential treatment and petitions granted by the king.

Favour can cause special recognition. See I Samuel 16:21-22. Favour can cause unearned wealth. See Exodus 3:21, Exodus 11:1-2, Exodus 12:35-36.

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