

## What Does It Look Like To Be “The Favored” of God?

**Favor** – 2580 – Chen – The one that is beloved in the eyes of the beholder!

But this word has been translated **GRACE** in many places...

Genesis 6: 8 “Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD”

Genesis 12: 1-3 God was establishing His relationship with Abraham as He has offered a special relationship with this unsuspecting and unworthy person!

Genesis 15: 18 “And the LORD made a covenant with Abraham”

Genesis 17: 2 “And I will make my Covenant between me and thee and will multiply thee exceedingly.”

Genesis 17: 7 “I will establish my covenant between me and thee, and thy seed after thee.”

Genesis 19: 19 “Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life...” Lot was verifying his gratitude for God caring enough to rescue him!

Exodus 3: 21 Sending Moses to Egypt God said, “I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians...”

Exodus 11: 3 ... and the Lord gave them favor...

Jewish Favor even today!

John Phillips words –

### What does this look like in the New Testament?

Luke 1: 19 Zacharias – “...I am Gabriel and stand in the presence of God and am sent to speak unto thee...”

Luke 1: 30 “Fear not Mary: for thou hast found Favor with God.”

Luke 1: 28 “hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.”

What does it look like when Jesus shows it to us?

John 5: 1-6 (at the pool of Bethesda) Vs 6 “when Jesus saw him... Jesus said to Him, wilt thou be made whole?”

What does the flip side look like?

Matthew 21: 19 The withered Fig Tree!

### **What makes the difference?**

John 3: 33 “He that hath received his testimony hath set his seal that God is true.”

OR

John 6: 66 “Many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.”

It is clear that the door has been open for us and to us, God has stepped down from heaven and set His eyes on you, or you would not be here.

**The Question is, What will we do with His attention?**