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**Word: *Forward in Favor***

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The LORD assures me that we are in a very special and specific *SEASON OF FAVOR—for such a time as this.*

Of course, favor started 2,000 years ago when Christ came to earth, died for the sins of the world, was resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day and ascended to the right hand of the Father. As a result of the finished work of Christ Jesus, we have been covered with unmerited favor referred to as, GRACE.

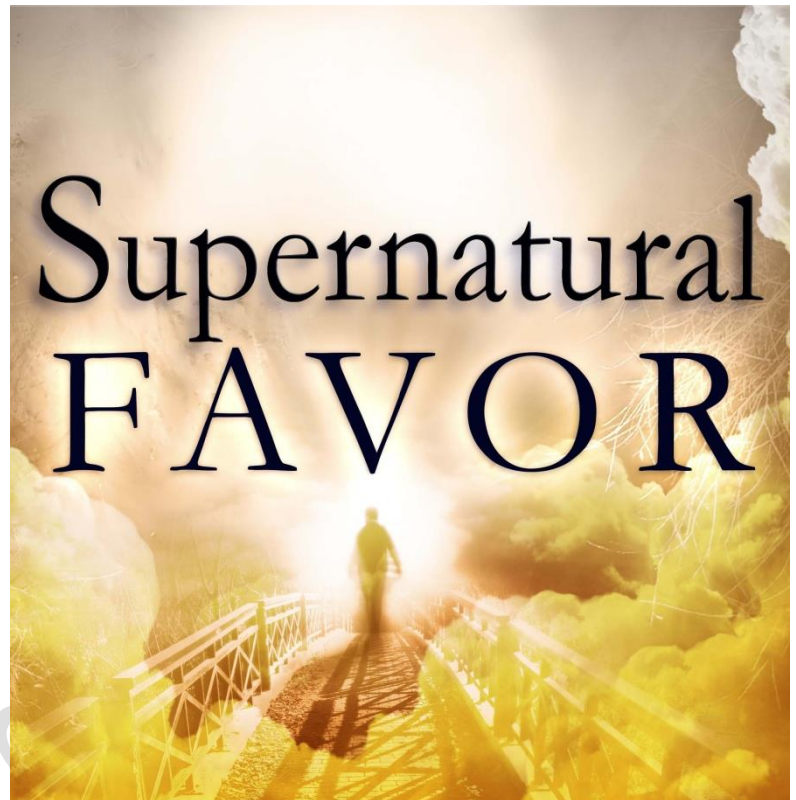
But while born-again Believers certainly have grace, we may not fully understand grace—many have even misinterpreted and misused the grace of the Father and His Christ. That aside . . .

This season of favor involves a burst of spiritual power, authority and energy in order to produce and manifest Christ's Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven, which is a *must*. Thus, we are *now* in an overflow or spilling out from Heaven because of unused favor by past generations and/or favor that we have not personally used that has built-up. In this season of favor, Heaven will be released to enable and assist us on a greater level. What Jesus died to give us is being backed-up and empowered even more so in this Hour to enable us to “wrap up” things on the Earth as His Body and through His Body as God intended. This is Resurrection favor or favor empowered by the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.

While Jesus was on the earth, He *grew* in wisdom and stature, and IN FAVOR with God and man (Luke 2:52). We've been in an almost 2,000-year time of growing in wisdom, spiritual stature and in favor with God and man, but we have not necessarily accomplished this to the point that it has powerfully manifested. Only a few have realized this level of the power of grace, mainly because we have failed to grow in it!

While Christ has poured out His grace upon us giving us grace with God, *obedience is a factor*. Jesus grew in favor with God because of His obedience to Him. He grew in favor with man because of His obedience to God first; and then His Kingdom knowledge and power to produce and manifest (through Holy Spirit) the Kingdom increased.

This is where we stand right now. As people given great, unmerited, and costly grace, we *grow* in favor with God through simple and pure obedience to Him. This is persistent and prevailing obedience. God will then cause us to have more favor with man because of our obedience to Him first and foremost. Through our obedience, there will be released a knowledge of the Word with the power to produce and manifest (through Holy Spirit), i.e., the Kingdom will manifest here and now. When it is our heart's desire to manifest the Kingdom, it is a sign we are not only growing in grace, but ready to be a vessel of grace.



Thus, this GRACE *is* directly linked to this End Times (season of) favor of God on our lives that we produce and manifest the Kingdom of God to mankind. It should be noted that this special grace/favor will release the fear of God in and around us. It will cause many to come to Christ and it will cause many to curse Christ—and we're in the line of fire!

First, this favor is going to take us way deeper in Christ, in the Father, in the Holy Spirit—deeper than we have ever been before. *Direct and deep impact.* This favor is going to release us as “His Children.” We will go forth empowered as *His—His Children!* Do you know what that means? We are going forth in His name, His authority, His empowerment. Thus, this favor is right now releasing to us greater anointing and authority. That means many, many more signs, wonders, and miracles. Again, this is going to stir up the enemy!

Second, this favor is going to release much, much more heavenly activity engaging with the saints on the earth. It's going to cause many, many more personal angelic visitations manifesting in a variety of ways. These angelic visitations have already been spoken about by many prophetic leaders and others in general through the years, but we need to view these as part of favor. Another kind of heavenly visitation that is going to be more prevalent during this time will derive from, “*the great cloud of witnesses.*” Hebrews 12:1-3 tells us, “*Therefore, since we have so GREAT A CLOUD OF WITNESSES SURROUNDING US, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*”

The *great cloud of witnesses* are the saints that make up those mentioned in Hebrews 11 that have gone to Heaven before us yet surround us. The Greeks says that they're going to encompass or hang about or around us. They are going to be very active with the (believing) Body of Christ during this time of favor.

These heavenly visitations are Heaven's way of helping and assisting us on a greater level to release the Kingdom of God and get the final work done. These visitations are also going to trigger a greater volume of Believers in their gifts and callings connected with the greater power to accomplish.

This favor is a sovereign and supernatural move of God through Holy Spirit unlike that which we have ever witnessed before. We need to start believing, expecting and get ready to walk in it. I heard the LORD say, “Go ahead. Test the waters!”

It's time to practice walking in favor so that we can move directly into the *supernatural favor!*