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DIVINE FAVOR AND PROTECTION

AT A GLANCE

BIG IDEA

Divine favor is an invisible force that provides protection and advantage, often leading to unexpected blessings. Through biblical examples like Joseph and Peter, we learn that maintaining holiness is crucial to keeping this shield of favor. Discover how staying away from sin and embracing righteousness can ensure God's favor remains with you.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Psalm 5:12

Ephesians 6:11-18

Genesis 15:1

Genesis 37:3-11

Luke 5:1-11

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Divine favor acts as a protective shield for the righteous.
- Holiness is essential to maintain God's favor.
- God's favor can lead to unexpected blessings and protection.
- Sin can turn God from a friend to an enemy.
- Joseph and Peter exemplify how divine favor can transform lives.

INTRODUCTION

Divine favor is a powerful and often unseen force that provides protection and advantage to those who walk in righteousness. This study explores how maintaining holiness and avoiding sin are crucial to experiencing God's favor, as illustrated through the lives of biblical figures like Joseph and Peter.

SCRIPTURE READING

- **Psalm 5:12** — Illustrates how God blesses the righteous with favor as a shield.
- **Ephesians 6:11-18** — Emphasizes the importance of the shield of faith as part of God's armor.
- **Genesis 15:1** — God's promise to Abraham highlights divine protection.
- **Genesis 37:3-11** — Shows Joseph's favor with God through his dreams and his father's love.
- **Genesis 39:1-6** — Joseph's favor in Potiphar's house demonstrates God's blessing.
- **Genesis 39:7-23** — Joseph's integrity in the face of temptation shows the importance of holiness.
- **Genesis 41:1-44** — Joseph's rise from prison to power illustrates the transformative power of divine favor.
- **Luke 5:1-11** — Peter's selection by Jesus is an example of divine favor.

KEY POINTS

1. UNDERSTANDING DIVINE FAVOR — Divine favor is an invisible force that provides an advantage and protection to those who are righteous. It is not something that can be earned through human effort but is granted by God. This favor acts as a shield, offering protection from adversities and opening doors to unexpected blessings.

- Reflect on areas in your life where you have experienced divine favor.
- Pray for God's favor in your daily endeavors.
- Seek to understand the role of divine favor in your spiritual journey.

Scripture: Psalm 5:12

2. THE ROLE OF HOLINESS — Holiness is essential to maintaining God's favor. When individuals live in holiness, they align themselves with God's will, ensuring His favor remains upon them. Sin, on the other hand, can disrupt this divine protection, turning God from a friend to an adversary.

- Identify areas in your life that need purification.
- Commit to daily practices that promote holiness.
- Avoid situations that may lead to sin.

Scripture: Genesis 39:7-23

3. EXAMPLES OF FAVOR — The stories of Joseph and Peter provide powerful examples of how divine favor can lead to significant life changes and blessings. Joseph's dreams and his rise to power in Egypt demonstrate God's favor, while Peter's calling by Jesus shows how divine favor can transform one's purpose and direction.

- Study the lives of Joseph and Peter to understand how they maintained God's favor.
- Consider how divine favor has transformed your own life.
- Share your experiences of divine favor with others to encourage them.

Scripture: Genesis 37:3-11

Genesis 41:1-44

Luke 5:1-11

KEY POINTS (CONT.)

- 4. THE ARMOR OF GOD** — The shield of faith is a crucial part of the spiritual armor that protects believers. This armor emphasizes the need for readiness and righteousness, ensuring that believers are equipped to withstand spiritual challenges and maintain God's favor.
- Put on the full armor of God daily through prayer and Scripture reading.
 - Strengthen your faith to enhance your spiritual protection.
 - Encourage others to equip themselves with the armor of God.

Scripture: Ephesians 6:11-18

GROUP DISCUSSION

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

OBSERVATION

- What does Psalm 5:12 say about the righteous and divine favor?
- How does Ephesians 6:11-18 describe the armor of God?
- What promise does God make to Abraham in Genesis 15:1?
- How is Joseph's favor with God demonstrated in Genesis 37:3-11?
- What event in Luke 5:1-11 illustrates Peter's divine favor?

INTERPRETATION

- Why is divine favor described as a shield in Psalm 5:12?
- How does holiness relate to maintaining God's favor?
- In what ways did divine favor change the lives of Joseph and Peter?
- What is the significance of the shield of faith in the armor of God?

APPLICATION

- How can you actively seek to maintain God's favor in your life?
- What steps can you take to ensure holiness in your daily walk?
- In what ways can you share your experiences of divine favor with others?
- How can you incorporate the armor of God into your spiritual practices?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for the wisdom to recognize and embrace divine favor in your life.
- Ask for strength to maintain holiness and righteousness.
- Seek God's guidance in using the shield of faith for spiritual protection.

NEXT STEP

Reflect on how you can actively cultivate holiness to maintain God's favor in your life.

CONCLUSION

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