

SPIRITUAL LAWS IN KINGDOM LIVING

LAW OF FAVOR

A CALEB'S PROMISE MINISTRY TEACHING

1. Where's the Beef?

Psalms 107:17-20:

¹⁷Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

¹⁸Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses.

²⁰He sent His Word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

In the last days of preparation of this lesson for Caleb's Promise, God gave me these verses from Psalms 107 to share. In these verses, God is addressing Believers, not the unsaved.

Summarizing the four verses, God is telling us that because most of His children are ignorant [a fool] of His Word, they are suffering affliction, and He rescues them when they cry out in their troubles and distresses by sending His Word to heal them and deliver them from the messes they've gotten themselves into at the time.

When a Believer cries out, God must react to the cry according to His covenant. God even reacts to just a "groan." You can liken this to a mother, sleeping at night, and suddenly she hears her child in another room cry out, whimper, or groan. What does the mother do? She bounds from the bed and hastens to rescue, to comfort, to deliver, to help, to love, to secure the child. This is our Father. This is how much He loves us.

Exodus 2:24

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Psalms 38:9

Lord, all my desire is before Thee; and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

God NEVER intended for Believers to live in such a way they wittingly or unwittingly suffer affliction, even unto death, and live a life filled with 911 calls. But this is the way most Believers live today. If you are significantly overweight and have a heart attack, you'll call 911 and depend on the chain of care givers from the responders to the doctors to save your life. The doctor and/or his team will tell you that you need to change your lifestyle and lose weight or there's a strong likelihood you'll have a repeat occurrence and may not live. If you ignore the doctor's advice, you'll surely end up repeating the heart attack, which will debilitate you even more, if you survive it.

Now, given the scenario above, all of us would heed the doctor's advice, change our diet, our lifestyle, exercise more, and make every attempt to become healthier to avoid repeating a heart

attack. Makes sense, right? Then, why don't we do the same with God's Word? Verse 18 says, "they abhor all manner of meat." Meat is God's Word. And not just God's Word, but the study of God's Word.

I Corinthians 3:2

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

II Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

We are commanded NOT to just accept what is preached from the pulpit to us, taught to us in a class, etc. We are commanded to test the spirits to see if what we are hearing is God's truth.

I John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Because many Believers don't seek after the Word with all their hearts, they needlessly suffer, needlessly live subpar lives, needlessly are unhealthy, needlessly are financially strapped, needlessly cannot be a blessing to others, needlessly serve as a poor testimony to the world of God's grace and goodness. If you want to live the life God intended for you to live, one of continuous victory, one of persistent abundance, one with a strong, healthy body, one filled with deliverance in every test or trial, then you have to really get into God's Word. It is LIFE!!

John 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I [Jesus] speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

2. The Word Gives Voice to God's Power

God's entire Kingdom is composed of the spoken Word. The Word created everything. The Word gave "voice" to faith. Faith is the "power" of God. Therefore, the Word gives voice to God's power. And, what is the genesis or source of God's power? It is love. God is love (I John 4:7,8,16). He is perfect love (I John 4:18). Love is creative and life giving. Hate, the antichrist of love, the perversion by Satan, is destructive and death. Evil cannot create, it cannot give life, it can only curse.

BLESSING <---- PROMISE <---- WORD <---- FAITH <---- LOVE

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His [God's] glory, and the express image of His [God's] person, and **upholding all things by the Word of His [God's] power**, when He [Jesus] had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

Hebrews 1:3 tells us Jesus upholds everything in creation by the Word of God's power [faith].

Ephesians 1:19-20

¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of **His power [faith] to us-ward** who believe, according to the working of His mighty power [faith], ²⁰Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 3:20

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power [faith] that worketh in us,**"

The Word created spiritual laws which govern both the spiritual and physical realms. God has given us the Word which supplied us with grace and faith, both of which we studied in Lesson Three. And, through grace and faith we are able to stand on God's inerrant Word and have complete expectation of its truth to come to pass.

3. The Genesis of Favor on This Earth

The favor we experience today, as the redeemed of Christ Jesus, was given **upon the earth**, through the Promise, to Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3:

Genesis 12:2-3

²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

In Genesis 12:1, God called Abraham out of the world, out of the world system, out of Satan's culture and economy, into the Kingdom of God. Have you ever wondered why God chose Abraham? God gives us the answer in Genesis.

Genesis 18:19

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.

God, being all knowing, could see Abraham would keep His way, do justice and judgment, and command his children and household to do the same. In other words, Abraham would walk after the LORD God.

And the favor given to Abraham, in the Promise, was given to us through Christ Jesus, the Seed of Abraham:

Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What a powerful statement! As Believers, we are Abraham's seed (singular), which Galatians 3:16 makes very clear is Christ. Paul said God treats us as He treats Jesus, because we have become partakers with Jesus through faith. 1 Peter 4:1 tells us to arm ourselves with the same mind of Christ. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." One of the keys to victorious Christian living is seeing ourselves "in Christ" with all the rights and privileges of Christ (Romans 6:4-11) [Andrew Wommack].

Galatians 3:16

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

In Galatians 3:16, God's promises were made to Abraham and his seed, Christ. Christ was participating in the covenant agreement on our behalf. Jesus had no need to be justified through faith. Therefore, as our representative, the promise was made to Him, and since we are "in Him," we receive the benefits. We are also guaranteed this covenant will not be voided by our performance, because the promise was made to Christ, not to us. We are beneficiaries of His goodness, not ours [Andrew Wommack].

Galatians 3:14

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We can't be cursed and blessed at the same time. A curse is the opposite of a blessing. Christ removed the curse of a broken Law by bearing its penalty. The Law's curse and punishment was borne by Jesus as our substitute so the blessings of grace and faith (received by Abraham) can be ours. The blessing of Abraham is having our faith in Christ reckoned to us as righteousness apart from our own worth, entitling us to receive the Holy Spirit through faith [Andrew Wommack].

Through Jesus Christ, the Seed, we are a seed. What's the purpose of a seed? It is to produce, to create life, fruit, abundance. The Great Creator, God Himself, made us in His image and likeness. He made us to produce, to create – to be like Him in thought, word, and deed. We are to create the Kingdom of God on this earth, to create the Kingdom culture and economy here. Sadly, in many churches, they have no clue. God will judge the churches. God is looking for some Caleb's and Joshua's, in this generation, to take back the land from Satan and his forces. As Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." Is this you or will you sit on the sidelines and suffer affliction, lack, sickness, defeat, etc.?

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

In Isaiah 55:7, God commands us to have His thoughts and His ways, not our frail, weak, and limited worldly thoughts and ways. Don't listen to religion which lies to us and tells us our Father is a distant, moody, cold, variable Father who demands we perform for Him to gain His approval. He is a deeply loving, caring, warm Father who is jealous of a relationship with us. We don't have to do anything to gain His approval once we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. The Father wants us to come boldly and joyfully to Him.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

How can we come boldly to the Throne of Grace, the throne of unmerited, undeserved, unearned, and unlimited FAVOR? We come with Jesus Christ before the Father. Jesus, who is Grace, represents us. This is why Hebrews 4:16 says "Let us." Praise God, Christ Jesus goes to the throne with us. And we go to the throne for what reason? To obtain that which we don't deserve, by His mercy, and to receive unmerited, undeserved, and unearned FAVOR, grace. Praise God!

4. The Promise Yields the Blessing

So, we can easily conclude through the examination of the inerrant Word of God that we are the seed of Abraham through the Seed, Jesus Christ, and we have received the Promise and the Blessing given to Abraham. Now that we've established this truth in our souls, let's examine it in more detail by examining Genesis 12:2-3, the Promise from God to us, through Jesus Christ.

Genesis 12:2-3

²And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The first part of verse 2, "**I will make of thee a great nation,**" God tells Abraham a physical nation called Israel, the Jewish people, would come from his lineage and a spiritual nation of those who would believe on his Seed, Jesus Christ, would come from his lineage. For the present day Believers of the new covenant, God is saying He will make of us a great earthly family, our own personal family, and a great spiritual nation on this earth.

Psalms 112:2

His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Let's examine the word "bless" from the next part of the verse, "I will bless thee." Bless is the Hebrew word "barak."

“Bless” = Hebrew word “Barak.” It means “to make happy; to make successful; to prosper in temporal concerns; as, we are blest with peace and plenty.” [KJV Dictionary]

God blesses us with happiness, success, prosperity, peacefulness, and plenty (abundance).

The next part of verse 2, “and make thy name great;” is composed of two Hebrew words: gadal and shem.

“Gadal” = “make great, powerful.”

“Shem” = “reputation.”

God promises to make our reputation great and powerful.

The last part of Genesis 12:2, “and thou shalt be a blessing;” is composed of two Hebrew words: hayah and berakah.

“Hayah” = “come to pass.”

“Berakah” = “source of blessing.”

God promises it will come to pass that we are a source of blessing to others.

“Blessing” = Hebrew word “berakah.” “Any means of happiness; a gift, benefit, or advantage; that which promotes temporal prosperity and welfare.”

We will bless others, saved and unsaved, through which Jesus Christ gets the glory, blessing, and acclaim. The unsaved will accept Him as their Lord and Savior, and the saved will be given liberty from the bondage of religion which has trapped them in a less than the best life God has for them.

Genesis 12:3 continues the Promise of the Blessing. God says “I will bless those that bless you.” The phrase, “I will bless” is the Hebrew word, “barak” which we spoke of earlier. The phrase “those that bless you” is the Hebrew word “Niphal” which means “to bless oneself.” God is saying those that bless you also bless themselves.

The second part of Genesis 12:3, God says “I will curse those that curse you.” The phrase, “I will curse” is the Hebrew word, “arar” which means “cursed be those that curse.” The phrase “those that curse you” is the Hebrew word “qalal” which means “accusative of the person.” God is saying those that accuse you, or curse you, accuse themselves and will be cursed.

The last part of Genesis 12:3, God says “in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.” The Hebrew word, “Piel” sums up this phrase in its meaning, “to salute, greet with an invocation of blessing, a congratulations for prosperity.” We need to understand “invocation.”

“Invocation” = “The act of addressing in prayer; the form or act of calling for the assistance or presence of any being, particularly of some divinity; a judicial call, demand or order.”

God is telling us “we,” the new covenant Believer, bless the families of the earth through decreeing God’s Word over them and blessing them spiritually, financially, and physically.

Why does God want us to be a blessing and to bless the families of the earth? God wants to use us to lead others to Christ. How do we lead the world to Christ? Through signs and wonders which are demonstrations of God’s love and grace. Jesus taught and demonstrated this during His earthly ministry. Jesus taught this to Paul also.

John 4:48

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

Mark 16:20

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.

I Corinthians 2:4

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Hebrews 2:4

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Acts 5:12

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

5. Law of Favor

Favor is a part of your heritage. When you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you received favor being born into the House of God. As mentioned in previous lessons, grace was given to us before the foundation of the world when the Godhead determined Christ would be the blood sacrifice for all mankind and its sin (Acts 2:23). Grace is “unmerited, undeserved, and unearned favor.”

Favor is a law of God’s for the Believer. God has spoken it, therefore it is. It cannot be changed, altered, or removed. Favor is intended to prevent a Believer from living the “911 life.”

The Law of Favor is given to us in Proverbs 3:4.

Proverbs 3:3-4

³Let 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.

Proverbs 3:3 is a condition, under the Law, which man must perform. If man fails in performance of the condition, he will not have the promise of Proverbs 3:4, which is the Law of Favor. Praise God we are no longer under the Law given at Mount Sinai. We are under Grace given at Mount Zion because of the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The condition of Proverbs 3:3 is fulfilled by the shed blood of Christ and the new covenant, the Gospel of Grace. As a new covenant Believer, we receive the promise of verse four through our faith in Jesus Christ as evidenced by God's Word in Hebrews 10:16.

Hebrews 10:16

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

“After those days” in Hebrews 10:16 means after the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

As mentioned earlier, when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, we automatically receive “favor” as one of the benefits of being a Kingdom citizen. The Holy Spirit indwells us and satisfies the condition in Proverbs 3:3. Through Christ, the Holy Spirit in us, mercy and truth will not forsake us, and they are written in our spirit. Upon acceptance of Christ, we have the favor and good understanding of God and man.

Let's look at a list of statements about God's favor:

- Favor is a part of the Promise – the Blessing.
- Favor means “to endorse, to assist, to support.” Our Father endorses us, assists us, and supports us.
- Favor is activated by faith.
- Favor brings supernatural increase.
- Favor brings restoration.
- Favor brings increased assets.
- Favor brings great victories.
- Favor brings recognition.
- Favor brings prominence.
- Favor brings distinction.
- Favor brings preferential treatment.
- Favor brings petitions granted.
- Favor changes or makes policies and rules for us.
- Favor wins battles which we don't have to fight.
- Favor brings opportunity.
- Favor makes things easier. It provides things to us, such as insights, business strategies, ideas, with advantages.
- Favor features special privileges we have through God's Word.
- Favor is granted. You can't work for it.
- Favor will cause you to be spared when others are falling by the wayside (Noah's case).
- Favor is the way to the top.

- Favor is part of your heritage, your inheritance.
- Favor ensures we cannot fail.
- Favor gives you confidence.
- Favor will raise you up whenever you are down.
- Favor defines our destiny.
- Favor is to be expected all day long, every day.

Now, how do we activate the Law of Favor? We activate it by the Law of Faith, which we studied in the previous lesson. Faith, simply put, is trusting God and His Word to be true and all the blessings of His Word are meant for you.

Jesus, although He was God, was also a human being, a man. He, like us, operated on the earth under the same spiritual laws. Note in the second half of Luke 2:52, it says, “in favor with God and man.” This is exactly what the Law of Favor states in Proverbs 3:4. Even Jesus operated under the Law of Favor.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Psalms 5:11-12

¹But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

¹²For Thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalms 119:58

I intreated [I ask for favor] Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy will.

Psalms 44:1-3

¹We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

²How Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand, and plantedst them; how Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

³For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favour unto them.

Exodus 3:21

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

Exodus 11:3

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

Exodus 12:36

And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

Proverbs 8:35

For whoso findeth Me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

Psalms 89:17

For Thou art the glory of their strength: and in Thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

Proverbs 12:2

A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will He condemn.

Let's study some examples of God's favor upon His children:

1. Abraham – Genesis 12:17; Genesis 13:2; Genesis 13:14-18; Genesis 14:17-20; Genesis 15:1; Genesis 15:18-21; Genesis 17:16; Genesis 18:17-19; Genesis 20:14-18; Genesis 21:5; Genesis 22:17-18; Genesis 24:1
2. Isaac – Genesis 25:21, 24; Genesis 26:1-5, 12-16, 24-29
3. Jacob – Genesis 27:28-29; Genesis 28:3-4; Genesis 31:13-15; Genesis 30:22; Genesis 30:15-43; Genesis 31:7, 16, 24, 41-42; 55; Genesis 32:9-10; Genesis 33:11, 15; Genesis 35:5, 10-12, 24
4. Joseph – Genesis 37:3, 7, 9, 21, 25; Genesis 39:2-6; 21-23; 40:7, 41:33-36; 40-44; 48:22
5. Esther – Esther 2:9, 15, 17; 5:2-8; 6:8-11; 7:2, 9; 8:1-8, 15-17; 9:4, 13-15; 10:2-3