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OCFI HOUSE FELLOWSHIP GROUP BIBLE OUTLINES.

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TOPIC: DIVINE FAVOUR.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 5:12

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

TEXT: LUKE 1:26-30.

(A)INTRODUCTION:

Favour is a friendly and excessive kindness shown towards another especially by a superior. A special privilege granted out of goodwill, preferential treatment. Favour with God is what we need to succeed in every aspect of life. It means turning our difficult and impossible situations to opportunities and blessings for His glory. Favour can make a big difference in your life, family, academics, business and projects. The good news today is that God's favour has been extended to the Church and hence we are God's covenant children for His Divine favour.

(B)EXAMPLES OF GOD'S DIVINE FAVOUR : Describe favour as displayed in the life of the following people.

Esther (Esth. 2: 15-17) ; David (1st Samuel 16: 11-13); Jabez (1 Chron 4: 9-10); Pool of Bethesda's man (John 17: 1-15) . Blind Bartimeus (Mark 10:46-52); Peter the fisherman (Luke 5:1-7) Spouse finder (Prov 18:22).

(C) FAVOUR COMPARISM : Read Ex. 33:19b, & Rom 9:15-17.

(a) Why does God favour one above the other? (b) Can favour be attracted? **1Pet 2:9-10** .(c) Which people are being referred here as favoured? (d) What will qualify you to be among them?

(D)HOW TO ABIDE IN THE FAVOUR OF GOD?

1-Walk before God and be perfect. Genesis 17:1 God said to Abraham, Abraham you have found favour with me. I have chosen you for blessing; I have chosen you for greatness. Let your behaviour be such that you have nothing to hide from God.

2- Praise Him continually- Psalm 34:1 – How many times to praise God? What should be in your mouth?

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3-Constantly testify of His goodness. – Mark 5:20- Favoured Gadarene mad man became Evangelist. Let us make effort to talk to someone everyday about Jesus Christ.

4-Acknowledge Him- Proverbs 3:6- Put Him first. Before you do anything – consult Him.

5-Keep on giving to Him generously- 1 Chron. 1:6- Solomon offered a 1,000 burnt offering to God and God said it looks as if the man knows the value of my favour. So God said what do you want me to give to you in addition. Solomon gave more to God -**2 Chronicles 7:5** .i.e. you want to remain in His favour – continue to give more generously.

6-Tithes- Malachi 3:8-11. "Will a man rob God"? How can somebody rob God and expect that God shall smile on him.

7-Remain connected to somebody that you know has found favour with God :
Proverbs 13:20 ; Genesis 13:5. You cannot be connected to the company of heroes and remain a zero.

(E) ENEMIES OF DIVINE FAVOUR : (1). Disobedience.-: Saul -1Sam 15: 19-24; Psalm 5:12. (2).Sexual Sin- Samson (3).Pride:-Naaman (4).Stinginess and Lack of Giving. Mention any other enemies of favour?

(F) CONCLUSION:

God's favour can bring lot of blessings upon a man. Divine favour can give supernatural promotion and increase (Gen 39:21); restoration of every thing the enemy has stolen (Exo. 3:21), Bring honour in the midst of adversaries (Exo. 11:3).Produce increased assets (Deut. 33:23); Unusual victories even against impossible odds (Josh 6:20; 10: 9, 20); Give recognition and promotion even when you seem to be the least likely one to receive it (1 Sam. 16:22); Winning battles you did not even have to fight because God will fight them for you (Psalm 44:3).

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Oh Lord, address the fountain of my problems in your favour, in the name of Jesus.
2. Oh Lord, give me the most desired miracle of my life in your favour, in the mighty name of Jesus.
3. O Lord my Father, open the windows of heaven directly above my head and pour down favour, in Jesus name.

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