

# *Jesse Rich Ministries*

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## See Yourself Possessing the Promises!

### Divine Favor

Dear Friend and Partner,

In the New Covenant that you have with God once you are born-again, you have a right to divine favor and miracle blessings. We read about Divine Favor in:

Proverbs 3:4 **So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.**

Luke 2:52 **And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.**

Divine favor simply refers to that situation when circumstances or people seem to be arrayed against you and there's no way in the natural that you're going to get what you need, due to either a lack of ability, or because you got yourself in trouble, or because people who are over you have control over circumstances and situations unfavorable to you. But, because of the "sonship" relationship that you have with God through Jesus Christ, all of a sudden, things change to your favor. Even though no one can really explain how it happened, **you** know it was a miracle and blessing from God.

For example, divine favor comes in when you need favor with a teacher, an employer, a corporation, a creditor, a police officer, a judge, or whomever--- *You need it when someone is in a position of power over you in the natural, and you have virtually no say so in the matter* -- this is when you need and can receive favor, blessings, and miracles from God.

For instance, a few years ago, a man called me and asked if we could meet to talk about something. It was a very busy day for both of us, but we arranged our schedules to meet in a certain town in a bank parking lot.

When I arrived, he started the conversation saying, *“Brother Rich, I just want to run something by you. There’s a job that I’ve applied for as a state game warden. Four hundred other people have applied for the job, and I’ve already taken the test for it. I’ve prayed according to Mark 11:24, and I believe I’ve received the job. But recently, I was approached by someone having a lot to do with determining who gets the job. He informed me that it wasn’t looking good for me, and he recommended that I reapply and retake the exam. I responded that I’d already prayed and believed God for this position, and for me to reapply and retake the test would go against my beliefs and convictions.”*

He said, *“My question to you, Brother Rich, and the reason I wanted to meet with you is: Am I still in line with the principles of faith?”*

I told the dear brother, *“If you’ve already prayed according to Mark 11:24 (in which Jesus said, Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them), and if you believe you’ve received the job by faith in Jesus’ Name and have met their requirements, and if you did what you felt you should do in your heart, and you believe this is the job God has for you, then continually stand your ground and thank God that you’ve got the job, according to His Word.”*

A short time later, the dear brother contacted me and told me they had selected him for the job, and as of today, as I write this newsletter, he still has it, praise the Lord! God gave him favor over 400 other applicants. Some may have been more qualified for the position, and others may have been more politically connected for the position, but because of one man’s faith in the Word of God, God moved on his behalf to have divine favor with the state, as well as with the people doing the hiring.

As believers, we really do better spiritually, as well as physically and mentally when we step out in faith and believe God for things, such as believing God for a promotion, a certain amount of financial increase over a period of time, a new or better job, or even getting accepted in a school or college, etc. All this is available to us as believers, and it's laid out in God's Word.

## Seeing ourselves with the Blessings

Many people believe in God, but they don't know how to receive from God. Many believers don't know how to operate the laws of faith, or the principles of faith. Acting like we've received by faith is one of the most crucial principles to the laws of faith.

God's Word has laws. For instance, there is a law of sowing and reaping that we can read about in Genesis 8:22 and in Galatians 6:6-9: **Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.**

There is the law of faith in Romans 3:27: **Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.**

There is also the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus and the law of sin and death that we read of in Romans 8:2: **For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

And because many believers don't know God's laws, many don't know how to receive from God. God's people perish for lack of knowledge of God's Word and how to appropriate the promises from God. **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:** Hosea 4:6 And, because of a **lack of vision**, many have failed to receive, as we see in Proverbs 29:18 : **Where there is no vision, the people perish:**

Vision is seeing, and your faith will be much more productive if you see yourself with the blessing. This is accomplished by meditating on the Word of God, as we read in Joshua 1:8, **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.** Psalm 1:2

**My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.** Proverbs 4:20-23

**Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.** Proverbs 7:2, 3

It's not enough just to read the Bible. We must take the time daily to meditate on the promises of God. By rereading a verse over and over, you're building up your inner man spiritually, as well as renewing your mind to God's Word, as we read in Romans 12: 2: **And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

As you meditate on the Word, you'll begin to receive revelation knowledge from God's Word. Some people read and study the Word of God for conscience sake, some for the sake of being argumentative, and others read the Word historically, but God intended for us to meditate on His Word day and night. When we do this, we begin to think and talk in line with God's Word, which helps us believe God's Word.

The more you meditate on God's Word, the more you'll see yourself the way God's Word says you are. For instance, the Word says you're healed, the Word says you're redeemed, the Word says you're delivered, the Word says you're righteous, the Word says you're worthy, the Word says you're prosperous, and the Word says you're blessed. (1 Peter 2:24, Galatians 3:13, Colossians 1:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 4:1, 3 John 2, Ephesians 1:3) Now, do you see yourself according to the Word? Do you know in your spirit man -*your heart*- that you're healed, redeemed, delivered, righteous, worthy, prosperous and blessed? It's not enough that the Word says these things about us . . . we've got to believe that these things are so.

When you find yourself coming up short in any of these areas, it's an indication that you have not been meditating on God's Word in that particular area. Your faith will be much more productive if you're allowing your spirit man to meditate on God's Word. Some of the definitions of meditating are: thinking on, muttering, speaking to yourself, reciting the Word over and over again. The same way an adult tells a child not to eat so fast and to chew their food, God is telling us to take time to digest His Word, spiritually speaking, by meditating on it day and night.

Reading the Bible every day simply for the sake of reading it does little or no good for one's spiritual life. But one has to take the promises of God, read and reread them, and think about what they are reading and how this or that verse applies to them and how they can implement these verses in their life.

For instance, when I read a verse, I ask myself, "*How can I put this into action in my life?*" I used to read the love scriptures and hear them preached and really never thought of how I could apply them to my life. And, there are whole denominations that read the scriptures about speaking in tongues and do not have the slightest clue that God is talking to them about speaking in tongues, so they reject, ignore, and never take the time to meditate on these scriptures.

When you take the time to meditate on God's Word, you show God that you're teachable, and He'll reveal more revelation knowledge to your spirit. This is why meditating on God's Word is so important! Many people don't see themselves as God sees them, nor do they see themselves possessing the promises that God has made for them.

For example, faithful tithing carries miracles and financial blessings with it, but they don't automatically come upon us. We have to believe God for them and step out in faith for them, claim them, and/or pray and believe God that we've received them by faith, in Jesus' Name. And then we act accordingly and see ourselves with the blessings.

For healing, a person must see himself healed and whole. For prosperity, a person must see himself being prosperous before it happens. This is accomplished by meditating on the Word of God, as we read in Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2: **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

When you listen to someone talk, you quickly find out how they see themselves. A believer either sees himself in Christ Jesus, or they see themselves as unworthy. But according to the Word of God, we are worthy because of Jesus Christ: **I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,** Ephesians 4:1

**That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;** Colossians 1:10

**That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.** 1 Thessalonians 2:12

They either see themselves possessing the promise, or they see themselves as defeated and wondering why they have it so hard. This vision is not with your physical eyes, but with your heart, the inward, hidden man of the heart – the inner man. In Numbers Chapters 13 and 14, God's people (*except for Joshua and Caleb*) saw themselves as grasshoppers, and the enemy as giants (**And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.** Numbers 13:33) As a result, they were unable to enter the promised land.

### Possessing by Faith

You will notice that someone who is consistently operating in faith principles for a period of time does not show much emotion when what they have believed God for manifests. And why is that? Because, as soon as they released their faith and believed God that they received what they prayed for, or claimed from God's Word, they immediately began to thank God that they had it in Jesus' Name, as we read in Mark 11:23,24 & Philippians 4:6:

**For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** They began thanking and praising God that it was a done deal then, at the very moment they released their faith.

Let's say someone prayed and believed they received a new car. Every day, they thanked the Lord that they received it in Jesus' Name. Two years go by, and God comes through, making a way for them to have their car. If you'd notice, there would be little or no change in their enthusiasm, because long before it manifested, they had already seen themselves with that car, in that car, driving that car and enjoying that car.

We see Abraham praising God and giving glory to God, long before Sarah conceived (Romans 4:20). We see the children of Israel shouting in victory while the walls were still up – they were shouting as though they were already down (Joshua 6:20). And one of the reasons that many believers never receive is because they've never seen themselves **possessing** what they prayed for.

What would you do and how would you act if you really had it? Once you've prayed the prayer of faith, you're required by God to believe you received it that moment, and it's your responsibility to act accordingly. **(Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24, Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? James 2:17,20)**

### How Religion Thinks and Speaks

A mature believer does all their praising God long before they can physically see or feel their blessing. ***They see themselves possessing it in their heart. They talk like they've got it.*** They never say they're just waiting for the manifestation. They never say, *'I believe I've received it. I just don't know why I don't have it.'*

Statements like these are counterfeit faith statements. To many believers, they sound like faith and appear to be faith, but the ear trained in God's Word instantly recognizes that these are just empty statements. These powerless statements never remove mountains or slay giants, subdue kingdoms, or receive the full blessings promised in God's Word.

Some people are trapped into just believing for spiritual blessings such as being born again and being filled with the Holy Spirit. But they've never developed their faith to believe God for physical or material blessings. It has affected them so much, that they think they really believe God is not interested in their having prosperity, or divine healing, or any other worldly possession.

When a person begins to believe God for physical things, such as healing, financial prosperity or material things, they are dealing with things they can see physically. On the other hand, the new birth is invisible. That has to do with their spirit man. Someone says they're born again and who are we to say they're not? But when someone begins to declare that they're healed because the Word of God says they are, and/or they're prosperous financially because the Word says they are, right away, those statements will be judged and analyzed and critiqued by God's people who are

not schooled in faith. **(But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.1 Corinthians 2:14)**

People who are not schooled in faith will immediately look for indications that the believer is not healed, or not prosperous, or not whatever. Not only does the believer have to keep their heart filled with God's Word and their mind renewed to the Word of God, they have to be continually resisting the devil and all the negative imaginations that come to their mind and physical senses.

**(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:4,5**

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7)**

The believer also has to cope with all those dear people who are walking by sight and not by faith. This happened to Jairus when the people told him his daughter was dead, and why was he troubling the master? Not only did Jairus have to deal with the bad news of his daughter's death and refuse to let that affect him, he also had to deal with people wanting him to quit believing God for his miracle! (Mark 5:22 - 43)

My point in saying all this is: In Mark 2:9, Jesus asked which is easier to say, thy sins are forgiven, or rise up and walk? When you go from believing God for the new birth and being filled with the Holy Spirit to believing God for healing or divine prosperity, you make the transition from receiving spiritual blessings from God to receiving material and physical blessings from God. Many people find believing God for the physical blessings much more difficult.

While it doesn't have to be that way, it often is. Your mind and flesh may not know a lot about your spirit man, but your mind and flesh sure know when it doesn't have any money, and when it doesn't feel well. So, your mind constantly reminds you of what you don't yet have in the natural. Plus, you have the devil bringing doubt to you and people telling you it may not be God's will for you to have what you're believing Him for.

This is similar to what David's brothers did to him in 1 Samuel 17:26-28. David's own brothers did not recognize the covenant

faith-filled words being spoken. Neither will many of your brothers and sisters in the Lord understand what you're doing when you speak faith-filled words. David encouraged himself in the Lord in 1 Samuel 30:6: **And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him ....but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.** So you will also have to keep encouraging yourself in God's Word.

Some ways of the ways you can encourage yourself in God's Word are: listening to faith tapes day and night, reading and quoting scriptures day and night, and praising and thanking God day and night. You may say, **"Brother Rich, this sounds like a lot of work."** *It is a lot of work!* It's not easy. But it sure beats being sick and poor and living in the curse by a longshot.

When a believer has been meditating on God's Word and putting the quality time into the Word, they talk as one having authority (Matthew 7:29). They have passion and conviction in their statements and their words are not shallow or hollow, but they ring with power and victory. You can always tell these people by the way they talk, just like you can tell when other people are just fooling around with faith.

A believer who just flippantly refers to the Word, or tells you they're supposedly believing God for something will annoy you and grieve the Spirit of God. They often don't realize they've placed themselves in a dangerous and vulnerable position, because Satan hears those statements. He's just looking for someone he can devour, and weakness is what Satan preys on. (See Acts 16:16-18, Acts 19:13-16, 1 Peter 5:8) If a person flippantly makes a confession of what they're supposedly believing God for when they're really just playing around, or trying to impress someone, it damages their ability to believe God when they really need to.

Our faith does not automatically work because we're a believer or because we're born again. Faith only works proficiently when we've filled our heart with God's Word. Jesus said in John 15:7, **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

Shallow, or carnal Christians and religious people are never talkers of the Word. All they can talk is what they say they believe, don't believe, and what their church believes. They never move mountains with their faith, and they usually never become proficient in praying the prayer of faith. -- Nor are they effective in their faith. They have a lot of talk, but no power. At best, they will have temporary breakthroughs or changes in their lives which will rarely result in any permanent changes. Religious people talk

about God, but they don't know His Word, nor do they know how to use, apply, or be a doer of His Word. They don't realize God works in line with His Word, or that God confirms His Word with signs following. (Mark 16:20, Jeremiah 1:12, Isaiah 55:11, Mark 16:20) They never realize that the reason their prayer didn't work is because their prayer was not based on God's Word.

Religious people talk about their problems and never what God's Word says about their problem. If they lose their job, they say God took it. If they don't get their prayer answered, they say it wasn't God's will. They don't want to hear the Word when you bring it to them. They're not excited about God's Word, nor are they known for speaking the Word. Therefore, they're at a disadvantage when it comes to receiving from God. They do not believe that God's Word is His will. They believe present circumstances are God's will. They believe God will do whatever He wants done. When a person gets healed, it was God's will. If another person doesn't get healed, it wasn't God's will.

These people don't even know they're in bondage to religion. Their ears are dull of hearing the Word and they're controlled by the circumstances of life, so they end up spinning their wheels, so to speak, and never grow and develop spiritually. If David had believed the way religious Christians believe, he would never have slain the giant. If Caleb and Joshua had believed the way religious Christians believe, they never would have possessed the promised land...so on and so forth.

Remember, religion talks big, but it never resists the devil. It never moves mountains. It just leaves everything up to God. And, when you believe that way, you don't have to put any quality time in prayer, or in feeding your spirit man on God's Word, or in being a doer of the Word of God. Instead of seeking God's will, religious people get further away from what God wants them to do.

Religion is like quicksand. When a person steps into it, it only holds onto them and takes them down and keeps them from making any spiritual progress. Religion never brings them up to reigning in Christ Jesus in this world. Remember, if it's not of faith, it's not pleasing God (**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.** Hebrews 11:6).

## How Faith Thinks and Speaks

Jesus said in Mark 11:23, **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed,**

**and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

So you see, one must believe what they say, so when they speak, it will come to pass. If they halfheartedly and nonchalantly speak, and they don't really believe what they say will happen, when they need their words to work and move mountains of sickness and disease, poverty and lack, they will be at a disadvantage.

So, it is important that when we speak in faith, we mean it the way Jesus did when He said, "**Lazarus, come forth,**" and when Jesus spoke to the waves and the wind (*John 11:43 & Mark 4:39*). Those elements, circumstances, demons and devils had to obey Him. The same is supposed to transpire in our lives when we give the faith command and decree (*Mark 11:23,16:17, Luke 10:1*).

Have you been acting like you've received what you're believing God for? Do you see yourself with it? Many dear precious people have died with sickness and disease waiting for God to heal them, and telling others, '*When the Lord heals me, I'm going to tell everybody about it,*' not realizing that they're substituting hope for faith. **Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.** Hebrews 11:1-3

If you're just sitting around and waiting for a breakthrough in your finances, or hoping to win the lottery, or for some windfall, or some good luck to come your way, you're not using the promises of God to change the circumstances in your life and you're not pleasing God, because you're not using your faith. The Bible says and Hebrews 11:6, **But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.** Romans 14:23

**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,** Ephesians 3:20

We do so much better when we're believing God and exercising our faith, and using our faith to believe God for things than we do when we allow our faith to become lethargic and lazy, cold and lukewarm. Our faith needs to stay in shape, and we do that by keeping it active by believing God for things. Our faith can be weak, or it can be strong. It can be great, or it can be small. Obviously, Jesus wanted our faith to be strong and great (*Matthew 8:10, 14:31, 15:28*).

A believer doesn't get discouraged fighting the good fight of faith, holding fast to their confession of faith, walking by faith and not by

sight and calling those things that be not as though they were -- as long as they are feeding their faith daily on God's Word. But the moment a believer fails to start their day out on God's Word, they set themselves up to become double minded (*James 1:8*).

A believer becomes discouraged as soon as they let go of their confession of faith and stop calling those things that be not as though they were, slack off in their confession of faith, or stop attending to the Word and putting it first. If we're going to be successful and prosperous as believers, walk in divine health and receive all we need from God, we have to put time in God's Word every day. God said in *Joshua 1:8*, **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.**

We have to meditate on the Word day and night, because if we don't, we start walking by sight and not by faith and begin to sink in doubt and unbelief (*Matthew 14:23-31, 2 Corinthians 4:18*).

**For we walk by faith, not by sight:** 2 Corinthians 5:7

Doubt and unbelief, along with fear and worry can overtake any believer if they're allowed to. We see this in *Matthew 17:14-21*. The same happened with God's people in the Old Testament as you can read in *Numbers 13:25-14:4*. We are warned that what happened to them can happen to us, as Paul admonishes us in *1 Corinthians 10:1-13* and in *Hebrews 4:2*: **For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

## Praying in the Spirit: God Working for Our Good

Praying in the spirit is one way we can help keep ourselves built up in faith (*Jude 20*), so we can walk by faith and not by sight. The more we pray in the spirit, the easier it will be for us to walk in the spirit, which will help keep us from getting in the flesh. When we're in the flesh, things don't work out for our good. It's when we get over into the spirit of prayer that God can turn the situation around for our good with divine favor.

I remember one time, when I put a deposit down to purchase a car. That was on Friday, and by the time the weekend rolled around, I realized I'd missed God. I spent the whole weekend praying in the spirit, and reading *Romans 8:26-28*, because I needed God to get me out of the messy situation. I had done something that I had no business doing; I did something of the flesh and not of the spirit, and I *knew* it.

The business knew I was a minister and the salesman wasn't saved. It wasn't going to look good for me to try to get out of this deal. The thoughts the devil kept bringing to my mind made it almost unbearable. The thought kept coming to me, "*The salesman is unsaved. How is this going to look?*" But I had promised God I would always do what He told me to do if I *knew* what He told me to do, and this was just a test of my commitment.

So, I just kept praying in tongues. I didn't know what else I could do. I promised the Lord that I would go to the dealership and tell the salesman I wasn't going to purchase the car first thing Monday morning. All I could think about was, "*How this is going to look?*" I kept telling the Lord how important it was that a Christian keep their word; and that integrity was so important in the ministry and this salesman wasn't saved and how was this going to appear him?

But I still knew in my heart that I had to go face the salesman and tell him I couldn't buy the car, regardless of how it may appear. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**(1 Corinthians 2:14)

Virtually all my waking time, I just kept praying in tongues. I hardly even slept that weekend. The devil worked on me the whole time. He kept telling my mind to go ahead and buy the car anyway. Finally, I fell asleep early Monday morning, and when I did, I had a dream. In that dream, the Lord showed me that the salesman had lied to me and my contract wasn't valid. In addition to the salesman lying to me, he had overcharged me \$1,400.

I had no idea all this was going on! He seemed like the nicest man, and so friendly. I didn't know he was being deceitful. The dream showed in detail how I could prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the salesman had been lying to me all along.

So I got up and drove to the dealership. As I walked in early that morning, the salesman was at his desk. He was so happy and all smiles as I walked in. He let me know the car was almost ready, with just a few more details to take care of. All the other salesmen were standing around. I was the only customer and I thought, "*Lord, here goes!*" I said, "*Mr. So and So, I've come to tell you that I will not be purchasing the car*".

He went into a mad rage! I had never seen anything like that happen. He cursed me, swore I'd be sued, cursed me for being a minister, and threw things off his desk and across the showroom.

Little did he realize he'd gone too far, because the dealership owner was watching him, along with his co-workers.

In a very calm voice, I said, "*Mr. So-and-So, you can do what you feel you must do to me. I am sorry*". As I turned back to look at him, he realized he'd been caught and I knew about the contract and the overcharge. He had worked for that company for several years and had boasted to his co-workers that a minister was always an easy sell. He said they knew nothing and he could always fool them. I would have just been another statistic. For, like the other ministers, I believed him. The only difference is I realized I'd missed God and spent the whole weekend long praying in the spirit.

**Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.** Romans 8:26-28

Of course, I'd asked the Lord to forgive me for not checking with Him first. The Lord gave me divine favor with that dealership and protected the ministry and stopped that man from working at that dealership anymore and messing up other ministers. Though I didn't have to say a word to him about what I knew, he became like a little puppy, as though he just got caught chewing up the newspaper. I didn't have to say anything, because the presence of the Lord was there, and the Lord did it all.

That man exposed himself in front of all those people. I remember leaving and feeling sorry for him, but he'd been dishonest from the beginning, not only with me, but apparently with others as well, and his dishonesty nullified the agreement. The car he was supposed to be selling me wasn't really the car he represented to me. I never had to defend myself; God took care of me.

Favor is a miracle blessing we all need, whether we did right, or whether we did wrong, regardless of the situation that we're in. We all need God to get us out of messy situations. And, all He needs us to do is to do what He tells us to do and keep praying in the spirit so He can work things out for our good. He just needs our prayer and our faith, along with our obedience. God will do the rest. It'll be greater than we even thought God would do when He comes through for us, for He said in Ephesians 3:20, **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,**

Whenever you need divine favor, I want you to pray the following prayer and watch God come through with your miracle! You won't be disappointed when you put the time in meditating on God's Word and praying in the spirit, for you'll receive many benefits and blessings, and divine favor is just one of them.

## A Prayer for Divine Favor

Father God, I come to You today in Jesus' Name. You said in John 16:23, 24: **And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

I'm asking you for a divine favor miracle, according to Proverbs 3:4 **So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.**

Jesus, in Mark 10:27 said, **With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

Father God, You're the only One that can get me out of this trouble and turn the situation around for my good and in my favor.

So, I am asking You for \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm asking You in the Name of Jesus.

Jesus said in Mark 11:24, **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

And God, by faith, I believe I receive my miracle now, in Jesus' Name, and I thank You for granting me divine favor with You and everyone that's involved in this situation, in Jesus' Name.

## Taking Authority Over the Devil

Satan, in the Name of Jesus, I take authority over you and bind you from this situation, for it's written in Matthew 18:18, **Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth**

**shall be loosed in heaven.**

And, in Luke 10:19, Jesus said, **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

I am a child of God, and in the Name of Jesus, I have authority over you and you have to obey me, for it is written, in Isaiah 54:17, **No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn,** greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4), and I am the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). The Word of God prevails in this matter and situation, for it is written:

**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** Isaiah 55:11

**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.** Revelation 12:11

And I'm ruling and reigning in this life in Christ Jesus, in Jesus' Name.

Now, out of reverence and respect to God, begin to worship Him by getting on your knees and lifting your hands unto Him and begin to tell Him how much you appreciate Him taking care of this situation, in Jesus' Name.

This is so important in helping you receive from God. We have to put the personal time in going before God and worshiping Him daily. Bowing our knees and lifting our hands unto God is a very holy way of worshiping Him and expressing our appreciation, gratitude and thanksgiving unto our Father God, for He inhabits our praises (Psalm 22:3). When everything else seems to fail, worshiping God always seems to move God. Read the following scriptures and see for yourself what worshiping God will do:

**And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that**



were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. Luke 17:11-19

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. Acts 16:25, 26

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

### **Meditating on the Word and Praying in the Spirit**

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Jude 20

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:26 - 28

To keep your faith built up, spend as much time as you can praying in tongues. This will help keep you built up spiritually, strengthen your faith, and help you stay focused on God and that He's your Father and that He cares watchfully over you, and that there is nothing too hard for Him to do.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Ephesians 3:20

Now, you're ready to go possess the promises!

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