

## **Do You Want to Be One of God's Favorites? You Can!**

2 Chronicles 16:9 – He is *looking* for someone to show Himself strong in behalf of, someone whose heart is blameless and devoted.

Acts 13:22 – He *found* one in David, a man after His own heart who would do all His will and one who would carry out His program fully.

John 4:34-35 – He *seeks* worshipers, those who will worship in spirit and in truth.

Malachi 3:16-17 – He takes heed to those who fear Him and talk often of Him. He favors them and claims them for His own. He even spares them as a man spares his own son who serves him.

Psalm 33:16-19 – He doesn't delight in strength or ability, but His eye is upon and He favors those who *wait* for Him and *hope* in His mercy.

Psalm 32:10 – Mercy compasses about the one who *trusts* in, relies on and leans on the Lord.

Psalm 31:19 – Great goodness is laid up for those who *trust* in Him and take *refuge* in Him.

Psalm 91 – There are blessings and protection and favor above others for those who make Him their *refuge* and trust in Him.

Psalm 28:7 – He helps those who trust Him from their heart.

Psalm 18:30 – He shields those who trust in Him.

Psalm 17:7 – He saves and delivers those who trust in Him.

Psalm 145:18-19 – He is near to all who call on Him sincerely. He fulfills the desire of those who revere Him. He hears them cry and saves them.

Psalm 147:10-11 – He takes pleasure in those who revere Him and hope in His mercy.

Psalm 86:5 – There is abundant mercy for those who call upon Him.

Psalm 50:14-15 – He will deliver those who offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, pay their vows and call upon Him.

### Some of His Benefits (Psalm 103:3-5)

- 1) Forgiveness for all iniquities.
- 2) Healing for all diseases.
- 3) Redemption from the pit and corruption.
- 4) Being beautified and being crowned with mercy.
- 5) Being satisfied with good things.
- 6) Renewed youth.

Psalm 81:13-14 – Oh that my people would *listen* to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! Speedily then I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries.

Seven Blessings to the One who has set his love on God (Psalm 91):

- 1) Deliverance.
- 2) Being set on high because of knowing the Lord' name and trusting in His mercy.
- 3) Answered prayer.
- 4) His presence in trouble.
- 5) Honor.
- 6) Satisfied with long life.
- 7) Salvation.

Job 22:21-28 – Yield now and be at peace with Him; thereby you shall prosper and great good shall come to you. Seek Him; put Him first. He will hear your prayers and confirm your words.

To Summarize:

- 1) Seek Him in prayer and worship.
- 2) Put yourself in line with His will His Word, His purposes for you.
- 3) Trust Him, believe Him and wait expectantly on Him.

Jesus responded to:

- Those who came to Him and sought Him.
- Those who believed Him, trusted Him and worshipped Him.
- Persistent faith.

He did not just respond to need. He sees and knows all of our needs and even has compassion on us, but that is not enough to get his help. On our part, we have to seek Him, call upon Him, believe and trust Him and His mercy and be persistent in faith until we see the answers we need and desire.

He *always* met the needs of and answered the prayers of those who came to Him. Only occasionally did He reach out and help someone who didn't seek it. He is still the same now.

He works great miracles for those who are actively carrying out His will on earth.

He has promised to work together with us and confirm the Word with signs following.

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Scriptures - Who Does God Favor?

Malachi 3:16-17 – Then those who feared the Lord talked often to one another; and the Lord listened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who revered and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name. And they shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be my jewels (my special possession, my peculiar treasure). And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

Matthew 6:6 - But when you pray, go into your most private room and closing the door, pray to your Father who is in secret and your Father, who sees in secret will reward you in the open.

My secret times of prayer, my secret heart attitudes, my love and devotion towards God, have been seen by Him and will certainly be rewarded – outwardly!

John 14:21, 23 - The person who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me; and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) myself to him. (I will let myself be clearly seen by him and make myself real to him)...Jesus answered, if a person loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

Psalms 25:14 - The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.

We say we seek God, but God seeks for a certain type of person too.

Revelations 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if *anyone hears* and listens to and *heeds* My voice and *opens* the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.

Living - Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.

Acts 13:22 – I have found (was He seeking?) ...a man after my own heart, who will do all my will and carry out my program fully.

John 4:23-24 – God seeks worshipers in spirit and in truth.

Psalms 147:10-11 – He delights not in the strength of the horse, nor does He take pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes pleasure in those and favors those who worshipfully fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy and loving-kindness.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - Thus says the Lord: let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich glory and boast in his riches. But let him who glories glory in this: *that he understands and knows Me* [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for *in these things I delight*, says the Lord. The Lord delights in those who know and expect His mercy.

Psalms 91:14-16, 1-2 – Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because *he knows and understands my name* (has a personal knowledge of my mercy, love and kindness – trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no never). He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him

in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I *satisfy* him and show him my salvation...I dwell in the secret place of the Most High and so I remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty. I say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely and in Him I trust! So His greatest blessings belong to me!

Proverbs 16:7 – When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Psalms 33:16-18, 22 - No king is saved by the great size and power of his army; a mighty man is not delivered by [his] much strength. A horse is devoid of value for victory; neither does he deliver any by his great power. Behold, the Lord's eye is upon those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe], who wait for Him and hope in His mercy and loving-kindness... Let Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping for You.

Psalms 9:10 – And they who know your name (who have experience and acquaintance with your mercy) will lean on and confidently put their trust in you, for You Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

2 Chronicles 16:9 – For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him.