

WELLSPRING

W O R S H I P C E N T E R

Hebrews part 3 God's Favor 07/16/2023 Reflection Questions

1. What is your definition of favor?
2. How have you experienced God's favor in your life? What is your biggest challenge to believe that you can walk in the favor of God?
3. In Psalm 30:5 it tells us that "God's anger lasts for a moment but His favor lasts for a lifetime." Is your Christian experience the opposite of this? Do you sense God's anger regularly but His favor only occasionally? If so, why do you think your experience is the opposite of what the Bible declares is true?
4. In Luke 4, Jesus tells the synagogue congregation that "the year of the Lord's favor is now." This was in contrast to the Jewish belief, that hoped for the future day of the Messiah and a year of Jubilee. Why do you think human nature tends to push all our hopes to the future instead of actively receiving God's promises today?
5. In Luke 1:28, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that she is "highly favored" before God. The Greek word behind the phrase "highly favored" is only used one other time in the New Testament. Who else does the New Testament tell us is "highly favored"? (See Ephesians 1:5-6)
6. If God's favor in the life of Joseph (Genesis 37-50) did not keep him from horrible life events, what use is God's favor?
7. Proverbs 22:1 tells us that "favor is better than silver and gold." How did this truth play out in the life of Ian McMillan and a souvenir baseball?
8. Which characteristic of favor is most appealing to you:
 - Increased influence
 - Supernatural turnarounds
 - Limitations broken
 - Dreams awakened
 - Missed opportunities redeemed