Let us start by reading aloud the “declarations” portion located at the bottom of the last page under the heading, “Declare (release) the Favor of God!” Let us all read the “affirmations” section. Did you find it? Ready, read.

How can we boldly proclaim such statements and maintain with certainty that they will come to pass? Notice the answers come from scriptures that follow:

- “The LORD God of heaven, which took me from my father’s house . . . he shall send his angel before thee” (Gen 24:5-7);
- “I will say of the Lord . . . He shall deliver thee” Ps 91:2;
- “let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant” Ps 35:27;
- “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so” Ps 107:2;
- “whosoever shall say unto the mountain . . . he shall have whatsoever he saith” Mark 11:23;
- “Thou hast granted me life and favour” – Job made this declaration during his trial – Job 10:12;
- “his favor is for a lifetime” Ps 30:5 RSV;
- “thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour” Ps 5:12;
- “Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy (see Dan 1:9) and his truth” (Gen 24:27);
- Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs” (Dan 1:9);
- “For they got not the land in possession by their own sword . . . because thou hadst a favour unto them” Ps 44:3;
- David had FAITH in the Favor of God – “By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me” Ps 41:11

The Purpose of this Bible Study:

We all need to become “favor-minded!” That is, we must become conscious of God’s desire to bestow His Divine Favor upon us! “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace (charis – favor) that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13). Regarding the Favor of God, our minds need to understand, accept, and then begin to act upon the new information that we will learn through this study!
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We need to consciously and daily declare and affirm the Favor of God upon our lives!

We must never rule out the Favor of God! God’s favor can and does dramatically change our circumstances! We must keep looking and believing toward that end, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace (charis – favor) that is to be brought unto you.” Through these words Peter is instructing us to be aware of the Favor of God at all times! Every time that we experience the Favor of God we need to declare God’s Favor right at that very moment that it has manifest itself!

The more that we declare the Favor of God; the more we will experience it! We should be looking for God’s Favor and when we see it we should declare, “That’s the Favor of God. Praise God!” When we begin to look for and then express affirmations regarding the Favor of God, we will more often begin to expect and build faith in His favor. The more we have faith in his favor the more favor we will receive! The Favor of God is a wonderfully pleasant and vigorous cycle that we set into motion and subsequently experience!

The Favor of God will change every negative aspect in our lives! Let’s notice the first time that we find a derivative of the English word “favor” in the New Testament, “Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women” (Luke 1:28). Luke also wrote the second closely associated occurrence of the word, “And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God” (Luke 1:30). After she received the message from the angel, Mary declared, “be it unto me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38). Guess what Greek word was translated into that English word “favour?” You got it, (charis – favor)! The third time we find the word “favor” in the New Testament, we discover it a directly references Jesus, “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man” (Luke 2:52). Jesus Grew in favor!

I am revealing a spiritual law to you. Like “gravity laws,” there are “favor laws” that operate in the universe. I do not know, there may be angels who administer favor/disfavor based upon a person’s words. What I do know is that when we consciously declare God’s favor in our lives, soon thereafter, we abundantly receive!

Having God’s Favor does not mean that we will never suffer trials! We will always face trials; however, with God’s favor the enemy will never triumph over us. Don’t give up as Peter said, “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace (charis – favor) that is to be brought unto you.” Peter exorts us to expect favor!

Just as we can declare favor, our mouths have the same power to stop or delay the Favor of God! We must not say in the midst of our trouble,

- “We will never get the favor that others seem to experience!”
- “I never receive any blessings or the Favor of God!”
- “God’s Favor will never come to me!”

These statements are satan inspired lies; he knows the power of our words and wants us to declare negative things in order to stop the Favor of God! These statements actually express faith in the deficiency of God’s Favor! Now here is real revelation, the only thing that can stop the Favor of God from coming to a Christian is his own mouth! The
world’s entertainment teaches us to make these negative statements of faith. Consider the lyrics of the unwise song made famous by the weekly variety program, “Hee Haw,”

Gloom despair and agony on me; deep dark depression excessive misery;
If it weren’t for bad luck, I’d have no luck at all; Gloom despair and agony on me!”

Because our words are agents or containers of spiritual power, all of these confessions from our mouths have actually delayed and even stopped the Favor of God from coming into our lives! This is not just a spiritual exercise; it is also a mental exercise! We cannot let our mouths run away from our actual beliefs! The bible warns, “Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee” (Prov 4:24). It also states, “Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee” (Luke 19:22). What about you, what is the “word of your testimony?” “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matt 12:37). You can begin to walk in a condition of almost constant Rhema revelation from God! “Grace (charis – favor) and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2). God wants us to walk by His revelation!

Notice the connection between the Favor of God and the Peace of God! We can increase “be multiplied” in the Favor of God. The more that we expect favor, the less that we will anticipate the fear of failure! This is not just an insignificant statement; it is a major concept! Read it again; “the more that we expect favor, the less that we will anticipate the fear of failure!” When we are expecting God’s favor to be manifest in our lives, we will not fear any outcome. Experiencing God’s favor fosters a decreased fear of failure in us.

Heb 4:16, teaches us, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace (charis – favor), that we may obtain mercy, and find grace (charis – favor) to help in time of need.” We need to lean upon the throne of God’s Divine Favor! We need to expect to find the Favor of God there! This will change our lives. God wants us to become highly developed in our expectation of his Divine Favor! Don’t you believe that David expected God’s Favor during his battle with Goliath? Notice David’s affirmation or what he said, “moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me” (1 Sam 17:37).

We read, “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace (charis – favor) that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 2:1). Expecting the Favor of God can actually make us spiritually strong! We are not to be weak in the Lord; rather, we must have a positive outlook with regard to the Favor of God. We are the righteousness of God and the righteous are taught to expect God’s Divine Favor! The Psalms teach us, “For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield” (Ps 5:12). God’s favor changes everything in the life of the righteous!

Your worst situation does not seem insurmountable when you actually expect the Favor of God. “And he said unto me, My grace (charis – favor) is sufficient for thee” (2 Cor 12:9). Here we observe that Paul received a real revelation from God concerning the Favor of God! Now notice what Paul said in that same vein just one chapter later, “The grace (charis – favor) of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen” (2 Cor 13:14). These converts had already received...
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the “grace” of God unto salvation. Therefore Paul was declaring something much more for the people of God; he had recently discovered the Favor of God through revelation!

Let’s notice the message that Paul taught, “Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience” (Acts 13:16). We skip over to Acts 13:43, “Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace (charis – favor) of God.” To “continue in the grace” was Paul’s message! You need to get a revelation of the message that Paul preached! The people could not have turned from their faith, Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace (charis – favor), and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands” (Acts 14:3). These people were living in the manifestation of the Favor of God! They were sharing stories of how God’s Favor had worked in their lives. Paul’s message was much more than salvation!

The scripture teaches that the time of the Church’s favor has come, “Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her yea, the set time, is come!” (Psalm 102:13) (The “her” is the church! “ye are come unto mount Sion (ZION), and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn”) According to JR Church the 102nd Psalm relates to the specific year of, 2002! Notice psalm 48 – relates to 1948 and each psalm after that realtes to a specific year after that. The 91st psalm speaks of the Gulf War that took place in 1991!

Let’s recognize the Favor of God as is identified in a few other Old Testament passages:

- “But Noah found grace (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) in the eyes of the LORD” (Gen 6:8)
- “And Joseph found grace (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house” (Gen 39:4)
- Gideon told God, “If now I have found grace (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me” (Judg 6:17)
- Ruth said, “Then she said, Let me find favour (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) in thy sight, my lord” (Ruth 2:13);
- “And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) both with the LORD, and also with men” (1 Sam 2:26);
- “Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour (‘khane’ graciousness, kindness, favor) in my sight” (1 Sam 16:22);

Favor often shows up during a storm or a crisis, “Thou hast granted me life and favour” – Job made this declaration during the heat of his trial – Job 10:12. The Favor of God can come even through a flood as it did with Noah. When a man’s world is completely falling apart God’s favor shows up just in time as we observe in the life of Joseph. Along with every storm, crisis, or flood that will ever become manifest in the life of a Christian, the Favor of God will be waiting somewhere near the exit doors of the ordeal!
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“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace (“khane” graciousness, kindness, favor) and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” (Ps 84:11). God has promised to display His Divine Favor and He will not withhold any good thing from those He has blessed! Notice from the underscored items above that “good things” and “favor” travel as a pair. Determine in your life that you are going to become more grace and more favor-minded.

We all need to change our thinking and begin to speak our new mind-set as follows:
- “God’s favor goes before me;”
- “God’s favor opens doors for me that no man can shut;”
- “God’s favor overtakes me wherever I go!”

Do not ever give up on the Favor of God!

Where does favor come from in our lives? We read, “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.” Let me ask the question, “Are you living under the same faith as that of Abraham?” If you claim that you live in the same faith as Abraham, then, you should be able to proclaim that you are “blessed with faithful Abraham” (Gal 3:9).

Notice how Paul described the promises of God toward Abraham and the inclusion of those promises to the gentiles, “That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Gal 3:14). He continues, “Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made” (Gal 3:16). Paul taught that the “seed” (singular), was a direct reference to Jesus, the Messiah. However, Paul made reference to much more than the Messiah’s association with the promises of Abraham, he also wrote, “if ye be Christ's (i.e., you belong to the Messiah), then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal 3:29). You are heirs according to the promise! If we belong to Christ; that is to say, if He is the Lord of our life, then we are heirs according to the promise. Whatever God promised Abraham; He has also promised to the normal everyday Christian! Abraham’s blessings are yours too!

Now let’s investigate what Paul wrote concerning the promise of Abraham, “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace (charis – favor); to the end the promise might be sure (certain, un failing, and infallible) to all the seed (this means you and me!” (Rom 4:16). You may not know exactly what belongs to you! You might not be experiencing the “sure” (certain, un failing, and infallible) promises of Abraham! If you don’t know what the promises of Abraham are then certainly you are not properly experiencing the promises at this time. Therefore, it is time for you to begin to learn!

Once you really get a revelation that you are blessed in Abraham, you will never again have a down day! The scripture says, “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee!” At this point we need to understand two concepts before we continue:

(1) (Gen 12:2, from the Amplified Bible) “I will bless you with abundant increase of favors” God is here promising to increase His favor on Abraham’s life! You are a seed of Abraham. If God promised to increase His favor on Abraham’s life, then
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because you are the seed of Abraham! It follows that God’s Favor brings good things into our lives!

(2) We need to get our minds into the culture that surrounded Abraham. The “blessing” that God gave to Abraham was not just some specific gift or a specific promise of possessions, the “blessing” consisted of the words that God spoke over Abraham’s Life! Notice the concept in, Gen 27:30, “as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing (speaking words over) Jacob” The same idea that the words are the “blessing” continues in Gen 27:38, “And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing (are there not other good words for me), my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.” The “Blessing” that we attribute to Abraham consists of the words that were spoken to him regarding national leadership and rulership over his brethren!

Now back to the passage from Genesis 12, “and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee” (Gen 12:2-3). Repeat after me out loud, “I am a blessing and I bless Abraham’s children!” Now, according to that scripture, you will be blessed. However, even more than our speaking out a blessings upon Abraham, we have the Logos word of God, “And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal 3:29). Abraham’s blessings have been given to us through the very Word of God!

In our lives, God gives us promotions and raises and changes to better jobs because we have God’s advantage through Christ! Do you expect even simple favor like a front row parking space? You should! When you regularly expect the Favor of God you will receive it all the more. You cannot predict when or how the favor will manifest itself; you can only have faith that it will come! Every time you experience a supernatural advantage, even when it is small thing, declare it out loud right then and there! In those times declare, “That was the Favor of God!” We will receive more of God’s Favor when we express thankfulness for his benefits. When we have an “Attitude of Gratitude” we will receive more favor! Shout it out loud, “That was the Favor of God on my life! Thank you Lord!”

Regarding favor, God performs more than enough, “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” (Eph 3:20). Realize that the same verse says, “according to the power that worketh in us!” We need to be “working” (i.e., exercising through faith and through our words) the power that God has made available within us! Bring to mind Abraham’s blessing as expressed in the amplified, “I will bless you with abundant increase of favors!” That is the reason why Abraham was unconcerned and he told Lot, “if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where” (Gen 13:9-10). At first blush, it seems as if Abraham got the short end of the stick. However, Abraham understood by the blessing of the words that were spoken into his life that he was well favored of the Lord! No matter what direction Lot decided to choose, Abraham knew that he would be blessed of God, “the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things” (Gen 24:1).
If you are Abraham’s seed then an abundant increase of favors is already directed your way! Repeat after me, “Heavenly Father, I know that it is you desire to give me an abundant increase of your favor; therefore, I receive your favor! I will look for and speak of your promised blessings daily.”

The Greek and Hebrew words translated into “Grace” and “Favor” are synonymous in both Testaments. Whenever you see the word “grace” in the Bible, don’t forget that it can also be translated into, “favor!” Every time you see “grace,” study and meditate on it and to see if “favor” would make the meaning of the passage more complete. You may have observed that Paul often opens and closes his letters with the word, “grace.” In fact almost every epistle of Paul begins and ends with the Greek word “charis” which means both “favor” and “grace!” Notice Romans, “To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace (charis – favor) to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 1:7). Notice the letters to the Corinthians, “Grace (charis – favor) be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 1:3) and “Grace (charis – favor) be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 1:2). Galatians has the same message, “Grace (charis – favor) be to you and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal 1:3). The Apostle Paul regularly greeted his churches with the word “grace” in the sense that they should be “favor-minded;” we observe that in Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and in Philemon. Now realize, these people whom Paul addresses were already part of the Church; therefore, they had already received the Grace unto Salvation. With that insight, we can see that Paul was affirming the blessings of God’s “favor” upon the churches through his salutations. Paul consistently maintained his focused of affirming the blessings of Abraham upon the Gentiles! Since he was an educated Jew and versed in the Old Testament, Paul knew that the devil does not belong on our backs; rather, he belongs under our feet, “And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath” (Deut 28:13).

We are not to be the last one to get a raise, or the last one to get promoted! We are Abraham’s children and therefore we possess his blessing! “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace (charis – favor) was upon them all” (Acts 4:33). The early apostles had the “Great Favor” of God upon them!

The Favor of God is the difference between winning and losing; between success and failure! This does not mean that we will not be challenged by satan, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim 3:12). However, we will not be defeated by his challenges and adversities. What we are learning is that neither “failure” nor “defeat” are part of our future. These impostors, which manifest themselves, as “trials” are mountains that actually must be removed from our Christian path!

Paul faced many challenges yet he was never defeated, “We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed . . . For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace (charis – favor) might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For
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which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction (impostor trials or mountains), which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor 4:8-18). Believing in the Favor of God is certainly one of those things that are not seen. Yet, once favor begins to operate in our lives, we are spiritually strengthened through its manifestation. No matter what the enemy formulates and throws our direction, we will grow stronger and actually be made a winner in every instance through the Favor of God!

However, just like a tree, you must have sufficient root system developed through character produced by the renewing of your mind! Like a great tree, God will not give you great prosperity until you have developed a root system which can sustain your prosperity, “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith (covetousness attacks the very root of a man’s life), and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim 6:10). If you focus merely on the riches, which the promises of Abraham provide, and not on the prosperity of God for the Kingdom’s sake, you continue through an un-renewed mind to remain unqualified for the riches. God grows us in stages, “For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come” (Mark 4:28-29). We need to realize that God uses the riches of Abraham in the production of His ultimate harvest! Once you are determined that the “Favor of God” rests upon your life, then you will begin to experience true success in every aspect of your life!

**Turn your mountains into a plain!**

Have you ever heard someone say to another that they are making a mountain out of a molehill? Of course, we have all heard that saying! The point is that we all have molehills and mountains in our lives that need to be removed! We have all read the famous passage, but let’s review it one more time, “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” (Mark 11:23). Subtly, Jesus taught of the need for us to speak to our mountains! Indeed if we don’t speak to them, then they will turn on us and speak to us. One might say, “My bills are mounting up!” Yet, you must speak to your mountains! Instead of the mountains in our life being cast into the sea, sometimes it seems as though they become greater problems. Mountains have a way of keeping us in turmoil all the time! They tell us, “There is no way you will ever get rid of me! Who do you think that you are, Oral Roberts? Your ministry is destined to remain small and insignificant.” Can you hear one of my personal mountains speaking to me? Indeed I take authority over that mountain! I reject its LYING message; on the contrary, I say, “Oh Mountain against Larry Perrino and Rivkah Ministries, by faith in the Favor of God; I say unto you, that you will be cast into the sea and our ministry will become exceedingly large over the very place where you once stood! Indeed, the Favor of God will direct Rivkah Ministries into a great and effective worldwide ministry!”
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Now what does Divine Favor have to do with our mountains? Surely you have heard Zechariah’s prophecy, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts?” (Zech 4:6). Of course, we have all heard that verse quoted in services many, many times! Unfortunately as a result of the thrust and focus of those messages, the preacher usually stops quoting at verse six. However, there is another significant and important message that is hidden in the very next verse, “Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace (“khane” graciousness, kindness, favor), grace unto it.” The first time that we find the Hebrew word “khane” in the Old Testament it is used as a reference to Noah, But Noah found grace (“khane” graciousness, kindness, favor), in the eyes of the LORD (Gen 6:8). Abraham used the Hebrew word “khane” when he was visited by three visitors, “My Lord, if now I have found favour (“khane” graciousness, kindness, favor), in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant” (Gen 18:3). Just as the Favor of God destroyed Zerubbabel’s 17-year-old mountain, it will also destroy ours.

So I can say with total conviction, “Oh Mountain against Larry Perrino and Rivkah Ministries; by faith in the Favor of God, I say unto you that you will be cast into the sea of nothingness and Rivkah Ministries will become a great teaching ministry on the very plain where you once stood! Who are you Oh ‘Great’ Mountain, I have a word (rhema) for you! The word is “charis!” We have the ‘Divine Favor of God!’ It will remove you from your place and turn you into a vast plain!” By speaking such things and believing in my words, I am removing my mountains and each of you will live to witness the plain which resulted through the removal of the impostor mountain before Rivkah Ministries!

You too can speak to your mountains and expect God’s Divine Favor! Give thanks to God for His Divine Favor and speak to your mountains!

Declare (release) the Favor of God!
“Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it”(Hab 2:2)

Affirmations:
• I am a son of the LORD God Eternal and His Favor is on my life!
• The Favor of God goes before me and produces success in my life!
• The Favor of God will manifest itself in my life today!
• Through the Favor of God on my life, I will not be defeated!
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- The Favor of God is on my life and the enemy never triumphs over me!
- I speak and write the inspired word of God and others recognize His anointing of Favor upon me!
- Through the Favor of God, Rivkah Ministries will become an effective and fruitful worldwide ministry!