

NEHEMIAH ~ MAN OF GOD'S FAVOR

Pastor George Dupree – Sunday, February 13, 2011

Nehemiah experienced the favor of God in his life and that favor helped him to accomplish an awesome task, rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem after an enemy invader had destroyed them.

The favor of God will cause people to be good to you. The Favor of God is like the hand of God being on you, that hand will lead you, comfort you, guide you, encourage you to move forward, it will hold you back from danger and trouble.

_____ For The Favor of God

† Nehemiah 1:11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king

Even though he was "only" the cupbearer, Nehemiah dared to believe that God could do great things with and for him.

_____ For The Favor of God

† Nehemiah 2:4 The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my fathers are buried so that I can rebuild it."

_____ The Favor of God

† Nehemiah 2:8 ...And because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests

Just because the favor of God is on you doesn't mean you'll never had adversity. It may appear that the favor has lifted from you but you have to continue to believe that God will do far beyond what you are seeing today!

The Favor of God & _____ With Men

† Nehemiah 2:10 But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of my arrival, they were very angry that someone had come who was interested in helping Israel.

† Nehemiah 2:17 But now I said to them, "You know full well the tragedy of our city. It lies in ruins, and its gates are burned. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and rid ourselves of this disgrace!"

† Nehemiah 2:18 Then I told them about how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied at once, "Good! Let's rebuild the wall!" So they began the good work.

The Favor of God & _____ Of Men

† Nehemiah 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us.

† Nehemiah 2:20 So I answered them, and said to them, "The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem."

The Favor of God & _____ Of Men

† Nehemiah 4:1 Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews

† Nehemiah 4:2 saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, "What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they are doing?"

† Nehemiah 4:2b Do they think they can build the wall in a day if they offer enough sacrifices? Look at those charred stones they are pulling out of the rubbish and using again!"

† Nehemiah 4:3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, "That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!"

The Favor of God & _____ For You

† Nehemiah 6:15 So on October 2 the wall was finally finished— just fifty-two days after we had begun.

† Nehemiah 6:16 When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.