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found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus".*

Understanding "The Favor of God"

Matthew 5

44 *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*
45 *that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on
the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous...*

Deuteronomy 8:1-14

¹ *Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may
live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to
your ancestors.* ² *Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the
wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in
your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.* ³ *He humbled you,
causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your
ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on
every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.* ⁴ *Your clothes did not wear out
and your feet did not swell during these forty years.* ⁵ *Know then in your heart that as
a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.*

⁶ *Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and
revering him.* ⁷ *For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with
brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land
with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a
land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the
rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.*

¹⁰ *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good
land he has given you.*

¹¹ *Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his
commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.* ¹² *Otherwise,
when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and
when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you
have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget
the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

To understand "The favor of God" we should ask ourselves two questions:

1. What is the Favor of God?

The favor of God can be described as a divine kindness or in act of true compassion on the part of God towards the need of undeserving human beings...

Ps. 119:68: "You are good and You do what is good . . ."

2. How do we take God for granted? V.11

- When after all He has done for us we ignore him

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- We count more our complaints then our blessings.

- We depend on Him in bad times and forget Him in good times. V.12-14