

**TODAY'S  
SCRIPTURE  
LESSON:  
Luke  
1:26-35**

**TITLE:**  
"Grace, Mercy,  
and Favor:  
What's The  
Difference? *Pt. III*

**SUBJECT:**  
Kindness,  
Forgiveness,  
And Favorites

**SERMON SERIES:**  
**GOD'S MERCY,  
GRACE & FAVOR**  
*#1:* Sun., 04-24-16 => Similarities;  
*#2:* Sun., 05-01-16 => Differences;  
*#3:* Sun., 05-08-16 => Favor;

"Let us therefore  
come boldly unto the  
throne of grace, that we  
may obtain *mercy*,  
and find *grace* to help  
in time of need."

**Hebrews 4:16**

**WORKING DEFINITION:**

***MERCY***

NOT getting what one deserves;  
...associated with that which  
is punitive or dismissal  
of an offense or fault;

**WORKING DEFINITION:*****GRACE***

Getting something that one  
did/does NOT deserve!

Associated with that which is  
free and cannot be earned;

**WORKING DEFINITION:*****FAVOR******extraordinary and concentrated***

dispensation of GOD's  
blessings, or GOD's  
unmerited kindness;

**SERMONIC POINTS:**

***#1:*** DELIBERATE

***#2:*** DECLARATION

***#3:*** DENIAL

**SERMONIC****POINT #1:**

**DELIBERATE**

"Now in the sixth  
month the Angel  
Gabriel was ***sent by***  
***GOD*** to a city of Galilee  
named Nazareth,..."

**Luke 1:26**

"...to a virgin  
betrothed to a man whose  
name was Joseph, of the  
house  
of David. ***The virgin's***  
***name was Mary.***"

**Luke 1:27**

**SERMONIC**  
**POINT #2:**  
 DECLARATIO  
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"But Noah  
 found *favor*  
 in the eyes  
 of  
 the LORD."

**Genesis 6:8**

"But the LORD was  
 with Joseph and  
 extended kindness to  
 him, and gave him  
*favor* in the sight of the  
 chief jailer."

**Genesis 39:21**

"Then Moses said to the  
 LORD, "See, You say to me,  
 'Bring up this people!'...  
 Moreover, You have said,  
 'I have known you by name,  
 and you have also found  
*favor* in My sight.'"

**Exodus 33:12**

"Now the boy  
 Samuel was growing  
 in stature and in *favor*  
 both with the LORD  
 and with men.."

**I Samuel 2:26**

"So you  
 will find *favor*  
 and good repute  
 in the sight of God  
 and man..."

**Proverbs 3:4**

"For he who  
finds me  
finds life  
and obtains ***favor***  
from the LORD.."

Proverbs 8:35

"A good man will  
obtain ***favor*** from  
the LORD,  
But He will condemn a  
man who devises evil."

Proverbs 12:2

"And having come in,  
the angel said to her,  
'Rejoice, ***highly favored***  
***one***, THE LORD is with  
you; blessed are you  
among women!' "

Luke 1:28

"...the angel said..., 'Do not  
be afraid, Mary, for you  
have found ***favor*** with  
GOD.' And behold, you will  
conceive in your womb and  
bring forth a SON, and call  
HIS name JESUS.' "

Luke 1:30-31

**SERMONIC**  
**POINT #3:**  
**DENIAL**

"But when she saw him,  
***she was troubled*** at his  
saying, and considered  
what manner of  
greetings this was."

Luke 1:29

" '**HE will be great**, and will be called THE SON of the HIGHEST, and THE LORD GOD will **give HIM the throne** of HIS FATHER David.' "

Luke 1:32

" 'And **HE will reign** over the house of Jacob forever, and of HIS Kingdom there will be no end.' "

Luke 1:33

"And the Angel...said, **THE HOLY SPIRIT** will come upon you, **and the power of THE HIGHEST** will overshadow you..."

Luke 1:35a

"...; therefore,... that HOLY ONE who is to be born will be called the Son of GOD.'

For with GOD **nothing** will be impossible.' "

Luke 1:35b

### **CONCLUSION:**

What manner of GOD's favor has recently "come upon you?"

How will you combat denial and doubt the next time GOD decides GOD will bestow favor upon you?

How will you help someone else conclude that they are "worthy" of GOD's special favor?