TODAY's SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 3:1-4

TITLE:
"Favor is
NOT Fair!
Pt. I

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;

GRACE

Getting what one does **NOT** deserves;

WORKING DEFINITION:

FAVOR

extraordinary and concentrated

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

"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

"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

"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

"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

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: ALLOCATION

#2: ASSIGNMENT

#3: AGENCY

SERMONIC POINT #1:

ALLOCATION

POINT #2:

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SERMONIC POINT #3:

AGENCY

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?

With what special "assignment" has GOD 'favored' you?