

Raising Chen-Chayn!



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Mishle/Proverbs 8:35 *For whoever finds Me finds chayim, and shall obtain favor from יהוה-YHWH.*

A life in Yahshua causes us to enter both eternal life and eternal favor!

Mishle/Proverbs 22:1 A tov name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Strong's H# 2580 chen or chayn –**Meaning-** favor, grace, charm elegance, acceptance; the spiritual condition of one who has entered in and is now governed by divine unmerited favor. An alternative word often used in Hebrew for favor is ratzon, which interestingly enough also means will, as in YHWH's will. So His perfect will is His FAVOR/Chen towards His people. A gracious, friendly, or obliging act that

is freely granted: *do someone a favor*. Friendly or favorable regard by YHWH or by man to man, which is still a result of Providence.

The Aramaic word for favor is 'tabutha' from where the name comes for the talmida/disciple 'Tabitha.' Whenever the Brit Chadasha speaks of favor it uses 'tabutha.' The Aramaic word for mercy is a derivative of the Hebrew word *chen* and is 'chanan.' So in Hebraic thought favor, grace, and mercy all go together as a package deal, not as separate doctrines!

In Greek the word is '*charis*,' from where we get the English word *charis-ma*. A spiritually *charis-matic* person is one who is endowed by heavenly favor from YHWH and in human relationships, even if they may not be fully aware of it!

From dictionary.com- Favor-

- An act of gracious kindness;
- An advantage to the benefit of someone or something;
- An inclination to approve;
- Promote over another;
- Consider as the favorite;
- Bestow privilege upon

Shemot/Exodus 33:12-23 is a classic example of *chen-ratzon*! It encompasses all the above areas. A gracious kind act to reveal Yahshua to Moshe, an act to bring benefit and advantage to all Yisrael, a manifestation of divine approval of Moshe and Yahoshua's/Joshua's leadership over others, promotion of Yisrael over all other nations and Moshe and Yahoshua over all would be leaders like Korach, the favorite son status of Yisrael by their separation, the bestowed

privilege of inheritance in the promised land. Lets look closer:

Shemot/Exodus 33:12 And Moshe said to יהוה, See, You said to me, Bring up this people: and You have not let me know whom You will send with me. ⁱ Yet You have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.

13 Now therefore, I ask You, if I have found favor in Your sight, show me now Your Way, ⁱⁱ that I may know You, that I may find favor in Your sight: and consider that this nation is Your people. ⁱⁱⁱ

14 And He said, *My Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.*

[His Presence/Ruach is a manifestation of His favor.]

15 And he said to Him, If Your Presence goes not with me, carry us not up there.

16 For how shall it be known here that I, and Your people have found favor in Your sight? Except You go with us? So shall we be separated, I, and Your people, from all the nations that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And יהוה said to Moshe, *I will do this thing also that you have spoken: for you have found favor in My sight, and I know you by name.*

18 And Moshe said, I beg You, show me Your tifereth.

19 And He said, *I will make all My tov to pass before you, and I will proclaim the Name of יהוה before you; And will show unmerited favor to whom I will* [ratzon], *and will show rachamim to whom I will.* ^{iv}

20 And He said, *You cannot see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.* ^v

21 And יהוה said, *See, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock:*

22 And it shall come to pass, while My tifereth passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by:

*23 And I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back: ^{vi}
But My face shall not be seen.*

First and foremost the greatest act of chen/favor/grace is the Father allowing you to see, comprehend, and grasp the eternal love of His Son for you and me. YHWH allows you and me to see and understand His Son. Without this favor mankind will stand condemned. Moshe was granted that special favor.

As believers it is more important to have favor with YHWH and our fellow man than almost anything else in life! Through divine favor we are YHWH's chosen to receive special acts of kindness by others and by YHWH. All actions under a life of favor tend to fall out to our benefit. Favor displays YHWH's overall approval of our lifestyles and character. Favor is YHWH's covering by which He promotes one over another and manifests His will.

Examples:

- At work
- In business
- In athletics
- In marriage
- In relationships
- With civil authorities
- With secular authorities
- In education
- In health
- In respect

- In shalom and many other areas...

Tehillim/Psalms 75:6-7: For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. **7 But Elohim is the Shopet: He puts down one, and sets up another.**

Favor is YHWH's manifest will to consider you over others in His plans and purposes. Yaakov He favored; Esav he despised. YHWH does play favorites and you better live with that recognition if you desire to even begin to seek His favor, as you must recognize that it exists in the first place, lest you do not pursue it by denying its availability. There is no respecter of persons, meaning anyone can receive favor, but not all do in the same manner and same measure.

Malachi 1:2-I have loved you, says YHWH. Yet you say, **In what way have You loved us? Was not Esav Yaakov's brother? Says YHWH: yet I loved Yaakov, 3 And I hated Esav,** and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the jackals of the wilderness.

Favor is YHWH bestowing all forms of unmerited favor including making one privileged in eternal matters, spiritual matters or temporal matters such as riches and material gain.

Beresheeth/Genesis 13:2 **And Avram was very rich** in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

First Samuel/Schmuel Alef 2:5 They that were full have sought work for lechem; and they that were hungry have ceased: Also the barren has born seven; and she that has many children has become feeble.

6 יהוה kills, and makes alive: **He brings down to Sheol, and brings up.**

7 יהוה makes poor, and makes rich: He brings low, and lifts up.

8 He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them with rulers, and to make them inherit the kesay of tifereth: for the pillars of the earth are יהוה's, and He has set the olam hazeh upon them.

Yochanan/John 1:16-And of His fullness all we have received unmerited favor upon unmerited favor. 17 For the Torah was given by Moshe; its unmerited favor and emet came by Yahshua the Moshiach.

The door of salvation is the entry point into a life of favor on top of favor, an ongoing process of benefits to benefits and glory-to-glory. The great news is that this is an irreversible process as long as we abide in the Vine for abundant favor.

Maaseh Shlichim/Acts 20:32-And now, Yisraelite brothers, I commend you to YHWH, and to the word of His favor, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them who are kadosh.

Romiyah/Romans 12: 6 Having then gifts differing according to the unmerited favor that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the measure of emunah; 7 Or, some service, let us serve:

Even gifts of the Ruach are disbursed by favor not by merit. Nothing to boast about. Just use the favor granted to you to build up His body and not only yourself!

Ivrim/Hebrews 4:16-Let us therefore come boldly to the kesay of favor that we may obtain rachamim, and find favor to help in our time of need.

Added favor is something that can be sought by petition! We need not rest in the measure we currently possess.

ⁱ Moses desired to know the Name of the Angel/Malach-YHWH, as did Jacob/Yisrael before him. Today we know His Name since the fullness of time has come.

ⁱⁱ John 14:6.

ⁱⁱⁱ This "nation is Your goy" in the Hebrew. Yisrael was YHWH's goy. So today we should not find it strange that non-Jewish Yisraelites are still called goyim.

^{iv} The manifest part of YHWH, who proclaims the Name of YHWH, is Yahshua, as He did on earth in John chapter 17.

^v The Father's face.

^{vi} Anthropomorphic expression meaning His manifest Presence, but not the Father's face. This is exactly what Yahshua came to do. Reveal the Father, but continue to hide His face.