



Orlando Bible Fellowship Baptist Church Study Sheet

“Favor” in the Field”

(Understanding what it means to experience God’s Favor)

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(RUTH 2:1-23)



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Turn in your Bibles and read Ruth 2:1-23

The angel went to Mary and said, “Greetings, you are highly favored. For the Lord is with you.”

1. What is commonly meant by the “**favor of God?**” List your thoughts.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

2. Share how you have/are personally experiencing the “**favor of God?**”

3. What do these people teach us about experiencing the “**favor of God?**”

- (1) Noah: Gen. 6:8 _____
- (2) Moses: Ex. 33:13-23; 34:9 _____
- (3) David: 1 Sam. 16:22; Acts 7:46 _____
- (4) Joseph: Gen. 39:4, 21 _____
- (5) Mary: Luke 1:21, 28,30 _____
- (6) Jesus: Luke 2:52 _____

4. Think through these verses to help you determine a biblical definition of the “**favor of God?**”

- (1) Ps. 5:12 – “For it is Thou who dost bless the righteous man, O LORD, Thou dost surround him with **favor** as with a shield.”
- (2) Ps. 30:5 – “For His anger is but for a moment, His **favor** is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, But a shout of joy *comes* in the morning.”
- (3) Ps. 90:17 – “And let the **favor** of the Lord our God be upon us; And do confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.”
- (4) Prov. 3:1-4 – “So you will find **favor** and good repute in the sight of God and man.”
- (5) Prov. 8:35 – “For he who finds me finds life, And obtains **favor** from the LORD.”
- (6) Prov. 18:22 – “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains **favor** from the LORD.”
- (7) Isa. 26:10 – “*Though* the wicked is shown **favor**, He does not learn righteousness; He deals unjustly in the land of uprightness, And does not perceive the majesty of the LORD.”
- (8) Dan. 9:13 – “As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the **favor of the LORD** our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Thy truth.”
- (9) Hosea 12:1-6 – “⁴ Yes, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed; He wept and sought His **favor**. He found Him at Bethel, And there He spoke with us, ⁵ Even the LORD, the God of hosts; The LORD is His name.”
- (10) 1Peter 2:19,20 – “¹⁹ For this *finds favor*, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds favor* with God.”



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5. Reread Ruth 2:1-23 – What evidence is there in Naomi/Ruth’s life that they had **God’s Favor**?

- (1) _____ . (2:3)
- (2) _____ . (2:8-9a,15-16, 21)
- (3) _____ . (2:9b, 14-15)
- (4) _____ . (2:8-16)
- (5) _____ . (2:10-13)
- (6) _____ . (2:14, 18-20)
- (7) Other _____ . ()

6. Examine Ruth’s walk; What three ways does her walk teach others to “**walk in the favor of God**?”

- (1) _____ . (1:14-17)
- (2) _____ . (2:2-3, 11-12)
- (3) _____ . (2:11-23)

7. **Application:** If asked what it means to have the **favor of God**, write out how you would respond.

Deeper Study #1: Ask and Answer the six Interpretative Questions from Ruth 2:1-23

(For a deeper study you may choose to ask and answer these six questions)

- (1) Ask **Who** are the Key Characters in this Chapter as it relates to God’s favor. Seek what is revealed about them!
- (2) Ask **What** this Chapter reveals about the Topic of God’s Favor? How is it supported?
- (3) Ask **When** do God’s favor is experienced?
- (4) Ask **Where** God’s favor is experienced? What movements take place?
- (5) Ask **Why** God’s favor is important?
- (6) Ask **How** God’s favor is experienced?
- (7) What **truths and principles** do you glean from this chapter in regard to God’s favor?