

PANEL DISCUSSION

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1

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HOW IMPORTANT IS THE FAVOR OF GOD TO THE WORK OF EVANGELISM IN THE LAST DAY?

Evangelism is a key factor for the last days matt 24:14 as it is the vehicle used to full fill the great commission which has been given to us the church. EVANGELISM can never be effective through our Nations without God's DIVINE FAVOR bestowed upon it. In the word of God where ever there was a global move of God there was also DIVINE FAVOR first (Gen 6:8) states, Noah found grace (favor) before God then built an Ark, Abraham found grace (Gen 18:3, 5) from God and was called the friend of God. (Gen 39: 1-4)The Lord was with Joseph and everything prospered in his hand. (Gen39:21) These men made global impact because of God's favor in their lives.

In the book of Exodus 33: 12-17, 18-23 we see Moses as a prime example of one that had favor of God over his life this reality made a profound difference in him being an agent of change impacting nations and Kingdoms. This passage of scripture in Exodus clearly reveals that the favor of God is always accompanied with the divine presence of "JHOVAH" Sharma The Lord is ever present. Exodus 33:12 Moses asked God a question was " you want me to bring these people out of Egypt but, you haven't told me who you are going to let come with me, yet you say you know my name and I have found grace in your sight. In verse 14 God says "my presence will go with thee and gave thee rest". In verses 15, 16 Moses reply If thy presence go not with me, curry us not up from hence for how shal it be known that I and this people have found grace (Divine Favor and approval in thy sight. Is it not told that thou goes with us? In v 17 the Lord said I will do this thing, for thou has found grace in my sight and I know thy name. VV18 19 Moses asked to see God's glory and God agreed to reveal and manifest his glory.

HERE we see a pattern, and it is this GRACE (favor) of God that is always accompanied with the presence of God, and the presence of GOD always sets the stage for the Glory of God to be manifested. In the book of matt 28: 19 -20 Christ in his words spoke to the twelve disciples and charged them to go into all the world "NATION" and preach the gospel. Jesus made two (2) promises 1. Low I am with you always even unto the end of the age (this represents his presence) 2. Mark 16:17, 18 these signs shall follow them that believe they will cast out devils, they will speak with new tongues, take up serpents, drink any deadly thing and it will not harm them and lastly lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (this represents God's Glory being manifested)

FINALLY: These examples clearly demonstrates how it is extremely important for the favor of God to rest upon every individual, Churches, Ministries, and Organizations that will engage in the work of Evangelism in these last days. JH. 20:30-31.