

"Gaining God's Favor"

Isaiah 66:1-2

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I. THE PERSON GOD FAVORS IS **humble**.

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5)

"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:11).

II. THE PERSON GOD FAVORS IS **broken** AND **contrite in spirit**.

A. Brokenness is a **blessing**.

"Blessed is the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
(Matthew 5:3)

B. God **comes near**.

"Here is the path to the higher life: down, lower down! Just as water always seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds men abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless."

— Andrew Murray, *Humility*

C. Brokenness should be a **regular condition**.

(Matthew 14:28-33)

Sermon Notes, continued)

III. THE PERSON GOD FAVORS **trembles at His Word**.

A. Trembles at His **written** Word.

B. Trembles at His **spoken** Word.

My Next Steps:

- This week I will defer something I typically do or buy to help someone else instead. The thing I will defer is _____.
- I will invite The Lord to do whatever He wants in my life to be more like Him.
- I will read God's Word each day this week and do what it says to do.

Today's Worship Songs:

Days Of Elijah - *Various Artists*
 Lord God Of Abraham - *Paul Wilbur*
 You Are Holy - *Lincoln Brewster*
 Christ Is Able (To Save) - *Tommy Walker*
 Holy, Holy, Holy (Savior & King) - *Gateway Worship*

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