

“God’s Companions”

A Lord’s Flock General Assembly Topic
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As children of God, we have intrinsic value to Him. He has given us the power of “sonship” and privileges. Indeed, we are highly-favored companions of God.

1. God’s highly-favored companions (Ps 71:17)

- 1.1. Job (Job 1): He was very rich and the greatest among all the people of the east in his time.
- 1.2. Esther (Esther 2:17): She was loved by the king more than any of the women in his life. She was chosen and sent by God.

2. Attributes of God’s highly-favored companions:

- 2.1. **Faithful people are loyal, reliable and have strong religious beliefs (Ps101:2-7).**
A faithful person will be richly blessed, but one who is only eager to get rich will not go unpunished (Prov. 28:20).

2.1.1. Abraham, who was designated by God as the father of many nations, believed and never wavered.

2.1.2. Caleb said: “Give me that mountain, Lord” (Josh.14:6-15).

2.1.3. Joseph the Dreamer (Gen. 32:2-9) was faithful and never faltered in serving God. When we are companions of God, there is always success in whatever we do (Gen. 41:46); furthermore, and we extend the blessings to others.

2.2. Men of integrity are committed men.

2.2.1. Daniel served God and did not compromise his commitment (Dan. 6:10). Despite the decree not to pray for 30 days, he continued to kneel and pray three times a day. Companions of God find time to communicate with God.

2.2.2. Men of integrity are not compromising (Dan.1:8). Sin and disobedience are abominations to God. We must be careful to protect our integrity. When it goes, character starts to decay. We

must cultivate integrity by learning about God’s truth.

- 2.3. **Good character is the foundation of pastoral ministry.** We must be the same on the inside and on the outside. Leaders must be holy and should be first in purity (Ps 78:72).

- 2.4. **They never lack in zeal (Rom12).** Those who serve the Lord must be thorough and faithful in serving God. Hence, we should boast not of what we do for Christ but boast what God does for us. “The Father will honor those who serve me” (Eph 4: 10-11; Job 36:11; Acts 20:19).

- 2.5. We must strive to be like:

2.5.1. Mary - chose to sit beside Jesus.

2.5.2. Martha - served Jesus.

2.5.3. Lazarus - was willing to die for Jesus.

3. Who are NOT favored companions of God

3.1. The Slanderers (Matthew 5).

3.2. The Proud refuse to listen to correction (Prov 11:2, James 4:6).

3.3. The Disobedient (Prov 15:31-33).

3.4. Those who lie and cheat (John 8:42-47).

4. God’s blessings for His companions (Ps 78:7)

4.1. Loyal companions will get special favors and will be treated differently (Ps. 91:11).

4.2. Let us have a raised level of expectancy and confess our expectations so that we will receive favors. Surely, God appoints someone to help us.

Conclusion: Let us live favor-minded (Deut. 28) and thank God for our countless blessings. As children of God, let us look at His solutions, read His Word and claim His favors.

REFLECTION:

1. How can you increase in God’s favor? Do you visualize God’s awesome favors and prepare to receive these favors?
2. Do you devote time for daily prayer before doing anything and after doing services?

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