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# THE SEASON FOR GOD'S FAVOR

Psalm 5:12- "For surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."

The Lord gave me that scripture verse several months ago. In the morning, during my husband and I's devotions, I would read that verse because I knew God gave it to me for a reason. When I would read it, I felt nothing and it meant nothing to me. I did it out of obedience to God. I would say to myself after reading it, "Lord, you are saying you are going to bless us with your "favor," but I sure don't see it happening. It has been one struggle after another." Lord, I am trying to believe you for your "favor." Please forgive me for my unbelief.

That was the turning point. God began to open doors for BWPC. His "favor" became more evident as we would praise and thank Him for what He did and what He is doing. I mentioned in last month's article of the sign that was paid for by a precious family in Arizona. As we took the time to praise and thanked the Lord for the sign, the favor of God began to snowball.

Just last week another huge miracle happened! We needed someone to cut down the trees that are growing in the area where the temple will be built. Greg contacted several companies, but the cost was more than we were able to pay. The last company Greg contacted said that they would be glad to help us. Greg asked him how much the cost would be. He replied, "The Lord has blessed my family and me so much. We want to bless the prayer center. I will have the trees, the stumps, and the roots all taken care of at no cost to you." He went on to say, "I will prepare the ground for the Sea of Galilee, dig the foundation for the temple, prepare the streets between the temple, Sea of Galilee, Garden of Gethsemane, etc." By doing this, he will be giving us a gift of around

2 million dollars. Thank you, Jesus! How awesome you are!

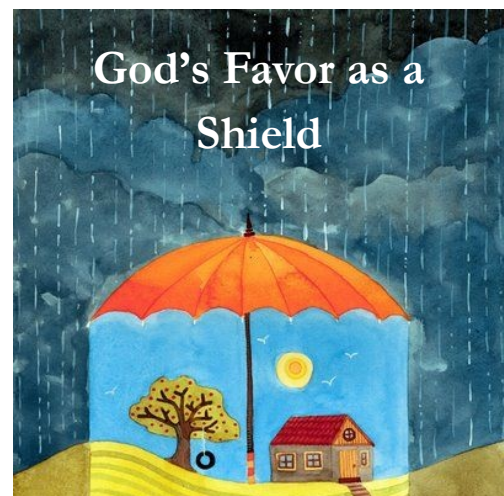
When we first begun the prayer center, the Lord gave me the figure of one million. He said, "The one who gives the first million dollars would receive a special blessing." Praise God! That part of the prophesy has been fulfilled. I am anxious to see God's favor on that special couple and their business. Thank you, Jesus, for all you are doing and what you are about to do for each and every one who dares to trust your promises.

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This year of "Jubilee" is going to be a year of God's favor for those who are living for Him.

Be Blessed!

*Maxine Speich*

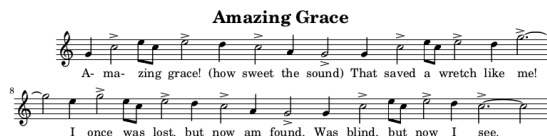




# Our Highest Calling

Ever since I was a little girl I have always been interested in music. Growing up in a Pastor's home, I got to experience ministry first hand. I was always a shy and quiet person and really didn't like being in front of people. I knew as a child, God was grooming me to go into ministry of music. Even though I was not totally comfortable with that, I would try to pursue in that direction— embracing fears and mountains. My father asked me if I wanted to be his Praise and Worship leader, at first I was thinking that is a big "NO," but God was working on me and I eventually said "YES." I remember the first Sunday I had to lead; I was a total mess. Right before the service I went to the bathroom and tried to find a way I could escape and get out of there. There was no way out. I had to deliver! Somehow I got through that first Sunday. God had mercy on me.

I have been leading Praise and Worship for about 10 years now. The Lord has been faithful and he is the ONLY one I sing for. My parents hosted an Israel tour some time ago and I was able to go and lead worship at many of the historical sites. It was an amazing adventure. The most life changing place we visited was the tomb of King David. That place was the place that affected me the most. When I was standing there, I prayed that God would give me the heart like David. I wanted to experience him in such a way like King David did. God heard my prayer. He has opened a lot of exciting doors for me.



"Worship is our Highest calling." There is nothing more important that we can do in this life. We need to adore and cherish Him. Sometimes, amid the pressure to succeed, we lose focus. A passage of scripture that expresses beautifully the heart of a radical worshiper is found in Psalm 27:4 "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." One of our goals for the Prayer Center is to have live Praise and Worship going on in the temple 24/ 7. How awesome that will be. God glorified all day and night. It is our mandate and purpose!

As King David worshiped, so we shall worship with all of our heart, soul, mind. Remember, nothing is about you; it is all about our king- "Jesus Christ." More than well-written songs, the church needs Holy Spirit-inspired songs that release people to Worship. As a worship leader or worshiper, your ultimate goal is to find out what pleases the Lord and do it. This can mean stepping out to the edge of convention and taking a plunge of faith, trusting fully that the Holy Spirit is the true Worship leader and that he will lead you into the Heart of God. Embrace the wonder and become an Extravagant Worshiper!





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# Lovely

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Love; noun: a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person.

Love in its perfect form is unyielding. It does not fear because this love drives out fear. There is no need to worry with love because it bares the truth. With love, you have patience and kindness. There is no jealousy, there is no pain with perfect love.

Love can be misconstrued as a fleeting emotion when it is never changing and ongoing.

True love is found perfect only in God and although any other love can't match up with Him, we seek to imitate this love as best we can.

Stay lovely.



*Brittany Beall*

## HOW TO BE SAVED

**Step 1: Admit You are a Sinner** "There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:10,23 (See Romans 5:8, 6:23)

**Step 2: Ask God's Forgiveness and Repent of Your Sins** "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13 (See Acts 3:19)

**Step 3: Believe in Jesus** (put your trust in Him) as your only hope of salvation. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (See John 14:6)

**Step 4: Become a Child of God by Receiving Christ** "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become the children of God." John 1:12 (See Rev. 3:20)

**Step 5: Confess that Jesus is Your Lord**

"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (See verse 10)

***If you would like someone to pray with you concerning your decision to follow Christ, please call: 740-927-7730***





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# 7 Words of Praise

When I am preparing a lesson or sermon with a specific theme, I find it useful to research the word or phrase in a Biblical lexicon. This allows me to better understand the meaning of the word/phrase in the original language (Greek or Hebrew). It also allows me to appear smarter than I actually am. As with our languages, there are often many different words that express a single idea in Greek and Hebrew. This month, the idea we have chosen to highlight is one of the prayer center's cardinal points: **24/7 Praise and Worship**. As I am sure you know, both praise and worship are discussed in length in the Old and New Testaments. However, there is no single word that encapsulates everything that praise and worship are. Luckily for us, there are plenty of words to choose from in the Hebrew text. For today, I am only looking at the Hebrew text, so the New Testament will have to wait outside for now. Don't worry; I gave him some money for an ice cream cone. It should be noted that there are more than 7 words for praise in Hebrew, but these are often regarded as the main ones. Let's get started!

## 7 Hebrew Words of Praise

**1) Tehillah-** "praise"/ "song of praise"/ "The song of the Lord"/ "laudations of the spirit"

> Psalm 119:171- May my lips overflow with (Tehillah), for you teach me your decrees.

**\*Tehillah should not be held back from God.**

> Psalm 33:1- Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to (Tehillah) Him.

**\*Tehillah suits the righteous worshiper well. It is beautiful and proper.**

> Psalm 22:3- But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the (Tehillah) of Israel.

**\*Tehillah is a covenant bond with God. In this verse, inhabits (in Hebrew) literally means "God will marry Himself to our praise." That should show how serious He is about our praise.**

*Andrew Beall*

**2) Zamar-** "to make music" (in praise of God)/ "instrumental worship"

> Psalm 108:1- My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and (Zamar) with all my soul.

**\*Musicians and singers alike are to make music in praise of God. It is not enough to just sing or play; it is an act of worship. The sound should come into agreement with the lyrics. Don't just sing the words, sing what the words mean. What does it sound like to be "a lover of Your presence."**

**3) Yadah-** "extended hand"/ "to throw, cast"/ "to revere or worship with the hands"

> Psalm 67:5- May the peoples (Yadah) You, God; may all the peoples (Yadah) You.

**\*(Genesis 29:35) The first instance of Yadah in the Old Testament is when Leah gave birth to Judah. As the baby was born, she said, "This time I shall praise the Lord." Yadah is surrendered hands lifted up to God in reverence. It is exalting the Lord and raising Him up because no height is too great for Him.**

**4) Barak-** "to kneel"/ "to bow down"/ "to bless"

> Genesis 24:48- Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and (Barak) the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way...

**\*Barak is often associated with blessing. You bow down or kneel to give thanks for a blessing or in expectation of a blessing. It can also be an act of adoration or salutation.**

**5) Towdah-** "a confession of praise and thanksgiving"/ "a sacrifice of praise"

> Psalm 50:14- Offer to God a (Towdah), and perform your vows to the Most High.

**\*Towdah comes from the same principle root word as Yadah. In Psalms, Towdah is used for thanking God for things not yet received as well as things already in hand. Interestingly enough, the title for Psalm 100 is Towdah (A Psalm of Thanksgiving)...(Continued on pg.9)**