

## Short Answer Series # 22

# How can I find favour with the Lord?

FORGIVE. 'Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has ought against you; leave there your gift before the altar, and go your way, first be reconciled to your brother, and then come, and offer your gift.' Matthew 5v23-24.

The Lord won't accept us, if we have offended someone else. We must be right with them, to be right with Him, so, we must go to them, and try to make it right. If they will not accept it, that's between them and the Lord; at least we've done our part.

If someone else has done something against us, we need to forgive them from the heart. If we still want them to apologise, or make amends, then, we haven't forgiven them. Forgiveness is the end of the matter. The Lord forgives, then forgets. It's over.

'Likewise you wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the Word, they also may without the Word be won by the conversation of the wives.

Likewise, you husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.' 2 Peter 3v1v7. If a husband and wife are not right with each other, they will not be right with the Lord. They must make it right.

BLESS ISRAEL. 'And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you,...' Genesis 12v3.

'Blessed is he that blesses you, and cursed is he that curses you.' Numbers 24v9.

PRAY FOR JERUSALEM. 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you.' Psalm 122v6.

HUMBLE YOURSELF. 'But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord.'

'And the Word of the Lord came to Elijah...saying...go down to meet Ahab...and you shall speak unto him saying, Thus saith the Lord, in the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick your blood.'

'And it came to pass, when Ahab heard these Words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

And the Word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, See how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his sons' days will I bring the evil upon his house.' 1 Kings Ch 21.

Even though Ahab was such a wicked man, his genuine humility found favour with the Lord, because, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' James 4v6.

ASK. 'In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set your house in order: for you shall die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, And said, Remember now, O Lord, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. Then came the Word of the Lord to Isaiah, saying, Go, and tell Hezekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will add unto your days fifteen years.' Isaiah 38v1-5.

'Ask and it shall be given you;' Matthew 7v7. We are allowed to ask.