

Message: Year of the Lord's favour (2016)

Texts: Isaiah 61 verse 2

Bible Passage: Esther 2 verse 1- 17

AFTER these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given *them*: 4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so. 5 ¶ Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; 6 Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. 7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. 8 ¶ So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women. 10 Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew *it*. 11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her. 12 ¶ Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;) 13 Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. 14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name. 15 ¶ Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. 16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

In Isaiah 61 verse 2, the Bible says (NIV) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn" there is a year called the year of Lord's favour, a year when the Lord favours his own and lift them out of the valley into the mountain top. We are looking at what is titled the year of the Lord's favour.

The year of Lord's favour is a year when:-

- God promotes beyond human understanding
- God wipe away long lasting tears
- God rewrite destinies
- God makes men to favour his own people
- God's grace is released upon a life
- God choses a life above others
- God excludes a life from calamity and problems
- God makes all enemies to be at peace with you
- God takes away reproaches
- God choses you to save your generation

In Esther 2 from verses 1- 17, Esther a slave girl entered into the year of Lords favour and she became the instruments that saved the Jews from destruction. I decree upon your life that in this year of Lord's favour the Lord will raise you as a deliverer to your family, you shall save your generations from the attack of the enemies in the name of Jesus

For you to enjoy this year of the Lord's favour, you must be

- Born again and repent from all known and unknown sins
- Obey God and walk obediently accordingly to his leading
- Leave a holy and righteous life
- Be useful in his vineyard
- Honour him with your substance and do not lean on your own understanding
- Acknowledge God always.

Prayer

1. Lord Jesus in this year chose me for your uncommon favour in the name of Jesus
2. I refused to miss out from the register of the Lord's favour in the name of Jesus
3. Lord this year favour me so that I can bless others in the name of Jesus
4. Excellent spirit of the Lord come over me in the name of Jesus
5. Powers assigned to remove my name from the register of favour die in the name of Jesus
6. My business, career, destiny and marriage receive the favour from the Lord in the name of Jesus
7. My destiny you shall not reject the Lord's helpers in the name of Jesus
8. Whatever is in my life that will drive favour away from me release me and die in the name of Jesus
9. God of favour visit me and my family this year and beyond in the name of Jesus
10. Father Lord include my name in the register of favour in the name of Jesus
11. Powers that makes a life to lose God's favour you shall nor prosper in my life therefore die in the name of Jesus
12. Lord Jesus favour me and the works of my hands in the name of Jesus
13. The tree of favour of the Lord growing around me shall not wither in the name of Jesus
14. All those who are not happy because God is favouring me be disgraced now and forever in the name of Jesus
15. Lord do not let your favour cease over my generations in the name of Jesus
16. Lord Jesus glue me to your favour and your favour glued to me in the name of Jesus
17. I refused to waste the Lord's favour in my life in the name of Jesus
18. Father Lord advertise your favour in and around me in the name of Jesus
19. My dreams, goals and projects receive the Lord's favour in the name of Jesus
20. Lord I thank you for favouring me and my household in the name of Jesus