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BY DR. DENNIS BURKE

# high degree

“Can I ask  
you a favor?”

AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, WE’VE ALL  
ASKED SOMEONE FOR A FAVOR. WHEN WE  
ASKED, WE KNEW THAT IT WAS SOMETHING  
THE PERSON DIDN’T HAVE TO DO. WE WERE  
ASKING FOR SOMETHING WE HOPED THE  
OTHER PARTY WOULD DO EVEN THOUGH HE  
OR SHE WASN’T OBLIGATED TO DO IT.

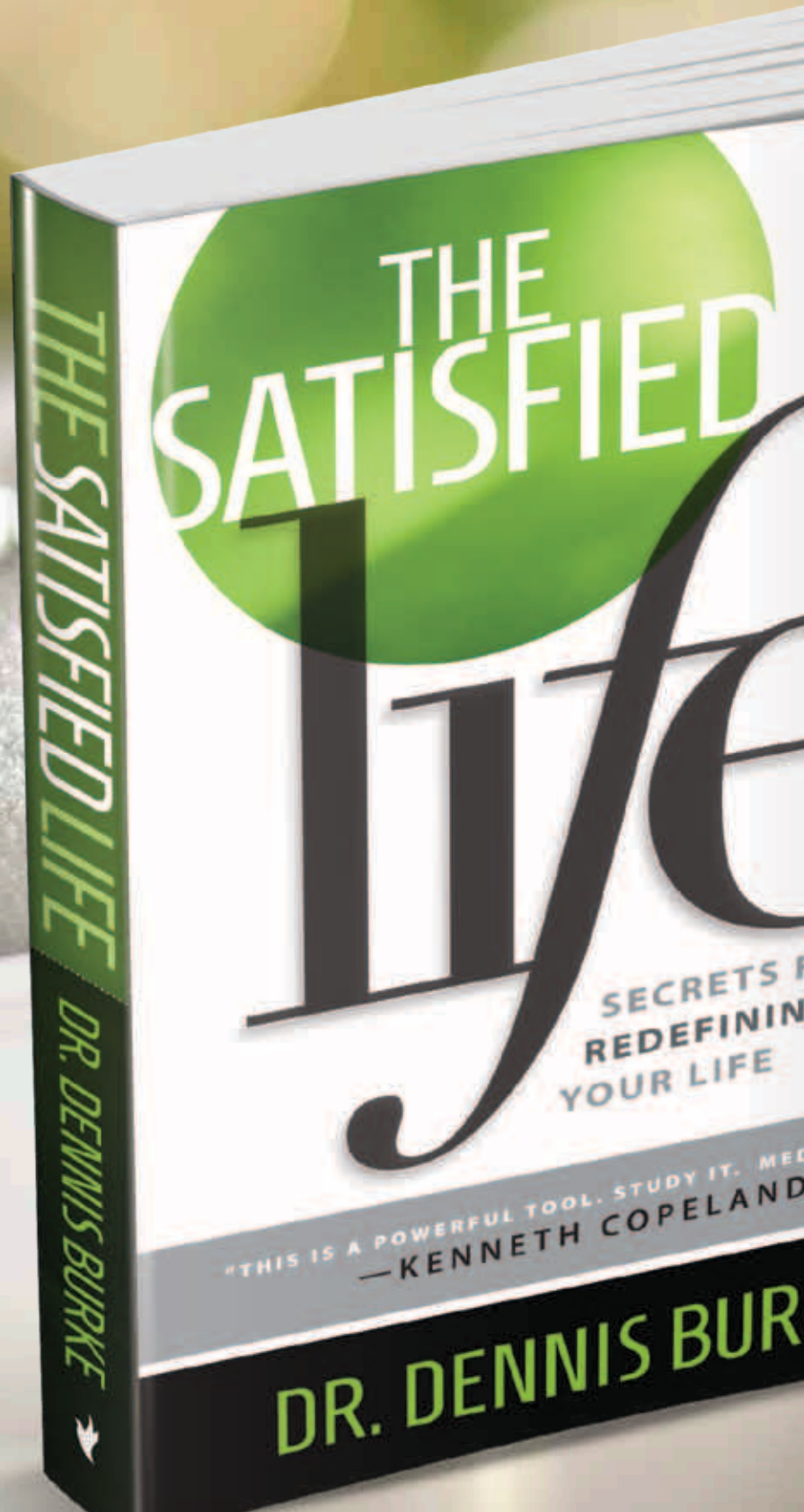
Being familiar with the dynamics of bestowing favor can shed real light on God’s way of dealing with us. He has made the choice to forgive us of everything that ever stood between us and Him. Every sin, wrong thought, bad decision, or violation against His holy nature has been brought under the sacrifice and offering of Jesus’ life.

Jesus has paid for it all. He has also made the choice to favor us with every aspect of abundance and blessing of

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His Kingdom. That is blessing and favor in the highest degree.

Here is how the Apostle Paul described this divine favor in Romans 4:5-8: “But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ‘Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.’” This passage is a quote from Psalm 32:1-2. David, the writer of this psalm, could see that God’s blessing rests on all those who come to know that He will not hold their sin against them.

This shepherd-turned-king knew firsthand the truth of this statement. He had already received forgiveness for sin that the Law described as unforgivable. He had come to know the power of God’s forgiveness and the fullness of His blessing.

David lived from 1040 to 970 BC. He came to rule Israel in 1003 at the age of 37 and died in Jerusalem at the age of 70. Throughout his life, David demonstrated time after time that he was not conventional in his thinking.

When others were shrinking from Goliath’s blaspheming threats, David ran into battle to defeat him. David just didn’t run with the pack. Instead, he let

God develop in him the freedom to stand apart, think His thoughts, and receive His abundance. This was truly one of David’s greatest qualities: He was free to focus on God’s way of doing things rather than on the status quo or the current religious practice. He was a free thinker — one who thought and lived very much “outside the box.”

Personally, I have appreciated that quality about David a great deal. It has always been important to me to think for

and receive God’s higher thoughts finally led him to his greatest discovery. The revelation David received at this time became one of the greatest pivotal points in all of history and revealed the plan God had been unwrapping for His Son and the establishing of His Kingdom.

This discovery proved to be the most significant experience of David’s life, coming after many years of leading Israel and restoring the nation to God. The prophet Nathan was directed to bring

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myself. I have examined and reexamined scriptures to know not only what I believe, but also *why* I believe it.

One friend gave me a great compliment when he told me, “Dennis, I was talking to a friend of mine about you a few days ago. I told him that you are a very ‘outside the box’ type of person.” I assume that this friend meant this as a compliment, but whether he did or not, I took it as one.

The freedom David had to think outside of the box

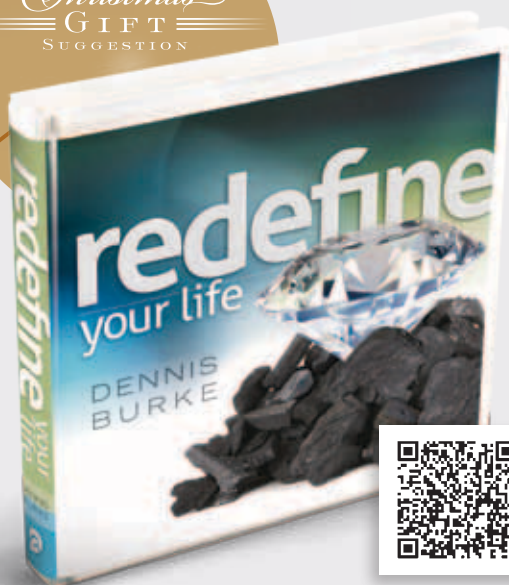
God’s message to the king. The account is found in Second Samuel and in First Chronicles.

“I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies.

“Furthermore I tell you that the Lord will build you a house. And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever” (1 Chronicles 17:7-14).

God declared that He was establishing

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# When we deal with Him according to faith, He deals with us according to His *grace and favor.*"

a Kingdom where His Son would build His house. God also announced in the clearest terms that this Kingdom would stand for eternity.

This divine purpose was being set in place through David. Of course, many things contributed to this pivotal moment before David's day. But David had already received from God based on the truths He had revealed to him. For years David had tested these truths according to the anointing God placed upon him as a young man.

When Samuel had come to Jesse's house, looking for the one to anoint as king of Israel, the old prophet anointed David. David continued to shepherd his father's sheep — but as he did, David embraced and cultivated the anointing that had been placed upon him. It is only by the anointing that he could have delivered one of his sheep from a lion, striking down and killing the beast with his bare hands (1 Samuel 17:34-35).

David had walked in this anointing for many years by the time the prophet Nathan declared these words, so he was familiar with God's presence upon him. He knew that the word of the Lord that Nathan spoke was filled with power. And then David saw into the depth of what God was doing — not only what He was doing at that present time but also what He would continue to do through His Son for eternity.

Read David's response to all he had just heard:

"Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to

the rank of a man of high degree, O Lord God" (1 Chronicles 17:16-17).

This last statement holds one of the greatest insights of David's life. The *Adam Clarke Commentary* says this of verse 17: "These words literally signify: 'and thou hast regarded me according to the order of the ADAM THAT IS FUTURE, or THE MAN THAT IS FROM ABOVE.'"<sup>1</sup>

David recognized that God's blessing to use him in establishing His kingdom and bringing forth His own Son on the earth was the result of the Adam that is future and from above. David saw into eternity and realized that God's blessing was based solely on this Adam yet to come — Jesus.

All of the blessing of God is based on this Man of high degree — the Second Man, the Last Adam. In First Corinthians 15:45 and 47, the Apostle Paul stated it this way: "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.... The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven."



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Jesus is the Last Adam and the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29). He is the life-giving spirit, the Man who has now brought Heaven's blessing and power onto the earth for every man.

By faith in Jesus, we stand in the place of high degree. We become the extensions of the Second Man and Last Adam, bringing His life and blessing to those around us as if He were standing here in the flesh.

David could see what we must recognize now — that every aspect of God's abundant life and blessing is wrapped up in how Jesus, the Last Adam, is regarded by God. As long as we keep our life in Him, He will demonstrate His life through us.

This is why First John 4:17 says, "... As He is, so are we in this world." God's favor upon David and upon us is not a complicated thing. When we regard Jesus as He is, He regards us *in Him*. In other words, when we deal with Him according to faith, He deals with us according to His grace and favor.

You are highly favored — as a person of high degree!

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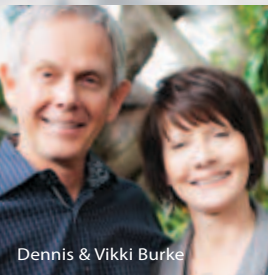
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## upcoming meetings



### November 4

Awesome Church  
223 Great North Road Five Dock  
Sydney NSW 2137 Australia | 02-97 138 990

### November 9

City View Church | PO Box 178  
Frenchs Forest NSW Australia 2086  
61(0)2 9453 4131

### November 11 (Vikki)

Victory Christian Center | 719 US 62  
Maysville, KY 41056 | (606) 759-7211

### November 11

Inspire Church | PO Box 439  
Hoxton Park, NSW Australia 2171 | 61-29826-0300

### November 15-18

Rhema Family Church | 16 Queens Road  
Slack Creek Queensland Australia 4127 | 61 732 086 640

### December 7 (Vikki Ladies Meeting)

Victory Christian Center | 7625 N IH 35  
Austin, TX 78752 | (512) 458-9100

### December 9

Oasis of Faith Christian Center | 17250 Lemon St.  
Hesperia, CA 92345 | (760) 948-0745

### December 16

Faith Life Christian Church | 1205 W. Viggie  
Hebbronville, TX 78361 | (361) 527-3804

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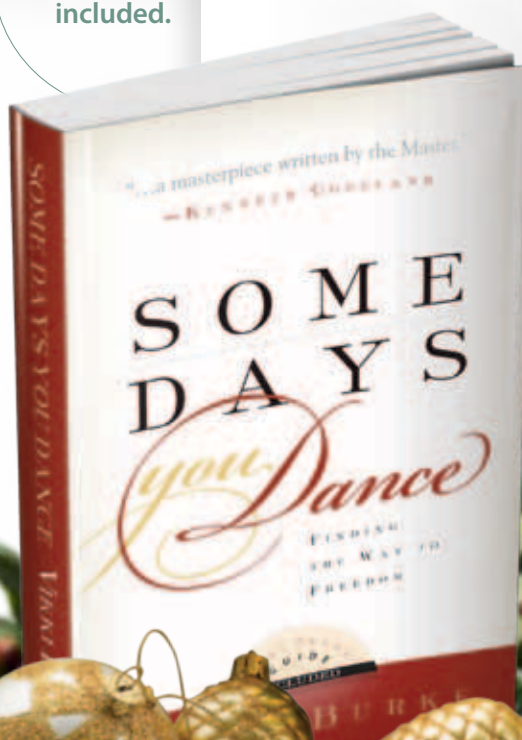
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and freedom."

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