## "God Favors the Righteous"

(Selected Scriptures from the Psalms)

Psalm 4:3 - But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Psalm 5:12 - For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

While God loves all of His children equally,

- \* God does show favoritism: to those who are Godly! (Preferential Treatment: to those who are righteous)
- **1.** God <u>Hears the PRAYER</u> of the Righteous (Psalm 4:3b; 34:15)

  Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.
- **2. God** Accepts the PRAISE of the Righteous (Psalm 33:1; cp. 140:13)

  Psalm 33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.
- **3.** God Removes the AFFLICTIONS of the Righteous (Psalm 34:19)

  Psalm 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.
- **4. God** <u>Fulfills the DESIRES</u> of the Righteous (Psalm 37:3-5)

  Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- **5. God** <u>Uplifts the TESTIMONY</u> of the Righteous (Psalm 37:6, 37:17; 112:6) *Psalm* 112:6 *Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.*
- **6.** God <u>Supplies the PROVISION</u> for the Righteous (Psalm 37:25)

  Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
- **7. God is** <u>Pleased with the SACRIFICE</u> of the Righteous (Psalm 51:19) *Psalm* 51:19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness.
- 8. God Increases the JOY of the Righteous (Psalm 64:10; 97:11)

  Psalm 64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.