

The Life God Blesses: The Secret of Enjoying God's Favor

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God Is Searching for People to Bless Jim Cymbala believes that God plays "favorites"--that certain people experience his blessings more abundantly than others. Have these people learned a formula or a simple technique that will guarantee his blessing? Or is there something more profound at work in their lives? In *The Life God Blesses*, Jim Cymbala points out that God is constantly searching for people to bless. He's not looking for men and women with special talents or unusual intelligence or great strength but for those who possess a certain kind of heart. Find out how to have a heart that God cannot resist and you will become a channel of his blessing for your family, your church, and your world.

Jim Cymbala has served as pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle for more than thirty-five years. He is the author of many bestselling titles, including *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire; Fresh Faith; and Fresh Power*; and curriculum, including *When God's People Pray* and *When God's Spirit Moves*, which is linked to his book *Spirit Rising*. He lives in New York City with his wife, Carol, who directs the Grammy Award-winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Cymbala's fourth book supports his thesis that God will favor those whose hearts are genuinely open to him. In six brief chapters, Cymbala alternates between biblical and contemporary stories many about his parishioners to illustrate simple, powerful messages about how people have succeeded and failed in efforts to live a blessed life. He does a fine job of making Old Testament stories accessible to a wide audience, and in doing so shows how kings such as Uzziah and Josiah interacted with God and reaped both blessings and sorrows, depending on the condition of their hearts and the choices they made. Mixed with these stories are snippets of information about the Brooklyn Tabernacle, Cymbala's astoundingly successful church, but for a fuller story of its humble beginnings and miraculous growth, readers would do better to read Cymbala's first three publications, as well as Carol Cymbala's book (reviewed below). Cymbala's tone is refreshingly earnest, and while he does not downplay God's ability and willingness to allow human suffering, he and Sorenson emphasize above all God's tenderness and deep love for everyone. Also admirable is the absence of vitriol in this book; Cymbala imitates the godly gentleness he extols and repeatedly warns against the pride and hardness of heart to which those who are blessed can fall prey. While some of Cymbala's rhetoric may superficially appear to echo the gospel of health and wealth, even the most cursory reading reveals that he speaks of blessings much less tangible and more enduring than money and material well-being.

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A SECRET PLACE IN GOD. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm 91:1). Those individuals who have chosen to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior need the opportunity to learn the path to salvation. It is their privilege to know the many blessed ways to seek him. In my scriptural based writing, *A Secret Place in God*, individuals will be guided on their journey. In the book, examples are taken from the Bible, and lessons can be learned based upon

experiences posed by men and women in God's word. My personal testimony is also shared in this piece. Individuals of all ages will learn that they are not alone; and there comes a time that they must make the decision to choose Christ over their own thoughts and feelings; and know that he has a better path of life for them. In addition, in A Secret Place in God, after having walked with God in the beauty of holiness for over forty years, I have shared many attributes of my knowledge of God as a healer, a comforter, a guide in every situation of which we are confronted, and most of all, as a savior. Also included are self-created lessons that can be shared with other teachers of God's word. My main purpose for writing this book is to make individuals aware that they can have their own personal walk with God; and that they can count on him to acknowledge and answer their most personal requests in life. Please visit the author's website at: www.gbutlerauthor.com
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