

A Prayer of David.

¹ Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I *am* poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I *am* holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.

⁴ Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
For You will answer me.

⁸ Among the gods *there is* none like You, O Lord;
Nor *are there any works* like Your works.

⁹ All nations whom You have made
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.

¹⁰ For You *are* great, and do wondrous things;
You alone *are* God.

¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹² I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

¹³ For great is Your mercy toward me,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁴ O God, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent *men* have sought my life,
And have not set You before them.

¹⁵ But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

¹⁶ Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.

¹⁷ Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed,
Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Psalm 86:1-17

1. How David saw and presented himself before the LORD

- a) "For I *am* poor and needy" Psalm 86:1b
- b) "For I am holy" Psalm 86:2a
- c) "Your servant" Psalm 86:3, 4, 16

2. David's faith in his knowledge of God

- a) He is "LORD" Psalm 86:1, 6, 11
- b) "You are my God" Psalm 86:2, 12
- c) God is "abundant in mercy" Psalm 86:5
- d) His mercy is "great" Psalm 86:13
- e) God is "good" Psalm 86:5a
- f) He is "ready to forgive" Psalm 86:5b
- g) God will "answer prayer" Psalm 86:7
- h) There is no one like God Psalm 86:8, 10

- i) God is "great" Psalm 86:10a
- j) He does "wondrous things" Psalm 86:10b
- k) God is "full of compassion" Psalm 86:15a
- l) He is "gracious" Psalm 86:15b
- m) He is "longsuffering" Psalm 86:15c
- n) He is "abundant in mercy and truth" Psalm 86:15d
- o) He will offer "help" and "comfort" Psalm 86:16

3. The Plight of David

- a) He was "in trouble" Psalm 86:7a
- b) There were enemies who were
 - i) Proud
 - ii) Violent
 - iii) They were seeking his life Psalm 86:14
 - iv) They "hated" him Psalm 86:17

4. What David sought from the LORD

- a) That God would "hear" his prayer Psalm 86:1
And "attend to his supplications" Psalm 86:6
- b) That God would "preserve his life" Psalm 86:2
- c) That God would grant "mercy" Psalm 86:3, 16a
- d) That God would "rejoice his soul" Psalm 86:4
- e) That God would "forgive" Psalm 86:5
- f) That God would "answer" Psalm 86:7
- g) That God would grant "strength" Psalm 86:16b
- h) That God would "save" (deliver) Psalm 86:16c
- i) That God would give "a sign for good" Psalm 86:17a

5. Vital Lessons to be learned

¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.

¹² I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forevermore. Psalm 86:11-12

- a) To be taught God's way
- b) To walk in God's truth
- c) To have a heart that is united (totally dedicated and focused) to fear God
- d) To offer praise to God with the whole heart
- e) To glorify God's name forever