

PSALM 86 - A Supplication Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the LORD!

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(1Pe 5:7) casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

I CAST ALL MY CARES UPON YOU *Maranatha Praise Band (2:51)*

*I cast all my cares upon You I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet
And any time I don't know what to do I will cast all my cares upon You (2x)*

I will cast all my cares upon You

Psalm 86 is an intensely, personal prayer of David. This is really a prayer of supplication, a prayer about him individually. It is not a prayer of intercession for others. It is important to remember that God is concerned about each of us, individually! He incredibly cares about what you care about. (**Mal 3:16-17**) *Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them. (His ears stood up and listened!) So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. [17] "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."*

PSALM 86 – A Psalm of David - Great Is Your Steadfast Love

Psa 86:1 Bow down Your ("Him"47x) ear, O LORD, hear me (35x); For I am poor and needy.

- *Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me:* A plea for God to listen, bowing way down!
- *For I am poor and needy.* Now notice in the first part here he makes a lot of little petitions and then he gives a reason for the petition. Lord I want You to hear me now because I am poor, I am needy, I am in need Lord.

Psa 86:2 Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; Save Your servant who trusts in You!

- This must have been early in David's career because in the earlier part of his career he did feel like he was getting a bum rap. He was getting worse than what he deserved. Late on in life he realized that he was getting better than he deserved and he was not pleading "I am righteous" or "I am holy" in his later life.

Psa 86:3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, For I cry to You all day long.

- The petition is to be merciful unto me for I cry unto You daily.

Psa 86:4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- He has this little petition and then "for" and he gives the reason why he wants God to do it. The interesting thing is though, we don't have to give God reasons, and we usually like to. We usually like to feel like we somehow deserved the answers to our prayers. We so often are appealing to God on the basis of "I've been doing my best to be good" or "I've tried Lord, really hard." We often times make our appeal to God on the basis of our righteousness or our goodness. I used to when I was young. Like David, when I got old, I make my appeals totally on the grace of God. "Lord, help me because You are so gracious. Lord, bless me because You are so good." I come to God on the

basis of His grace, His mercy, His goodness and His love. David came pretty much on the basis of “I am poor and needy, I am holy, I cry to You daily and I lift up my soul to You.”

Psa 86:5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

- Now there is an error that many people make concerning God and concerning the Bible. They talk as though the Bible teaches that there are two gods: the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament. Because of the judgements that came upon Israel and the wrath of God that was poured out upon their enemies, people often see the God of the Old Testament as God of wrath, judgement, fire, and brimstone. Then in the New Testament, because of what Jesus tells “God so loved the world” and he speaks of God’s love, God’s grace and God’s mercy they see the God of the New Testament as very kind, very patient, very tenderhearted, very merciful and very loving and they say, “I like the God of the New Testament. I don’t care much for the God of the Old Testament”.
- That is a misreading of both Old and New Testaments. Here in the Old Testament notice what the psalmist is saying. “*Lord, you are good, you are ready to forgive, you are plenteous in mercy*” (86:5). “*But you, O Lord, are a God full of compassion and gracious, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth*” (86:15). That is the God of the Old Testament. The same as the God of the New Testament. The God of the New Testament is also a God of righteous judgement. “For the wrath of God will be revealed against all unrighteousness and all ungodliness of men who hold the truth of God in unrighteousness. For when they knew God they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful. Their foolish hearts were darkened professing themselves to be wise they became fools.”

Psa 86:6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications.

Psa 86:7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.

- Jeremiah thirty-three says that “In the day in which Jeremiah was in the prison or in the dungeon the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah saying “Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things.” The interesting thing is you read the thirty-second chapter, he had been praying all night and in the morning and he spoke saying, “Call unto me and I’ll answer you, show you great and mighty things.” Here he says, “in the day of trouble I will call, and you will answer.” That’s always a glorious thing to realize that in the day of trouble I could call upon the Lord and the Lord will hear me and the Lord will answer my prayer.

Psa 86:8 Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works.

- *Among the gods.* Notice the little “g,” the elohim.
- *There is none like You, O Lord;* The Bible recognizes that there are many things that people worship. Whatever you worship is your god. In the Old Testament they worshiped pleasure, that was their god and they named it Molech. They made their little idols to represent Molech. They burned incense to Molech. In order to appease or to gain the favor of Molech they even sacrificed their babies in the fires. They burned them, cremated them, in order to somehow gain the favor of their god Molech, their god of pleasure.
- There was Baal, men ruled by their intellects, worshipping their intellects. Can you see people today worshipping their intellects?
- The living God is a great one to live with too, not just to die with. It is tremendous to live with the true and living God. To be in fellowship with him is the most glorious thing in the world and it’s the biggest lie of Satan to say, “You don’t want that until you die. It is no fun.” That is just a big lie of Satan. Living for the Lord has to be the most exciting, thrilling experience that one could possible know.

Psa 86:9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name.

- This is announcing the day when the true Lord will be recognized by more than just the Nation of Israel. This particular prophecy even goes further. I think that this particular prophecy is tied to that which Paul declared in (***Php 2:8-11***) *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. [9] Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, [11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Psa 86:10 For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

- The others are false gods. There is only one true and living God, there are many false gods.

Psa 86:11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

- Oh, how I want God to teach me His way. How I want to walk in His truth. Now the heart of the petitions.
- *Unite my heart to fear Your name.* Give me Lord an undivided heart. One of the biggest problems that we face today is that divided heart. There is a warfare that goes on within us. The flesh against the spirit, the spirit against the flesh; the two are contrary. My flesh is being pulled by the world in which I live. A desire for God and purity and yet the flesh lusting after the things of the world.

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

Psa 86:13 For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

- I deserve the lowest hell but thank God he's delivered my soul from the lowest hell. Interesting thing about hell in Luke sixteen. It was the soul of the rich man that was in hell and his body was in the grave. We read that there was a certain rich man who fared exceptionality will every day and there was a poor man that was brought daily and laid at the gate. He's full of soars, the dogs came and licked his soars and he survived off of the crumbs that were tossed to him from the rich man's table. The poor man did and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and in hell lifted up his eyes being in torment. He saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus was there being comforted Abraham. He cried to Abraham and said, "Father Abraham have mercy on me and send Lazarus over here with some water. I am tormented in this heat".

Psa 86:14 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.

- Probably a reference to Saul who was pursuing David and who had risen up against David. His men were pursuing David through the mountains, seeking out to destroy them. These men who had not set the Lord before their hearts.

Psa 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

- The beautiful prayer of David. Now he is coming to God not on the basis of "I am holy. Now he is going to be receiving. He is coming to God on the right basis. Don't come to God on the basis of

your holiness or righteousness. You might get what you deserve. Come to God on the basis of “Lord, You are full of compassion, You are gracious, You are longsuffering and You are full of mercy and truth.

Psa 86:16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant.

- There are these pulls from the world, the things of the world.
- *Give Your strength unto thy servant, and save the son of Your maidservant.* These guys are out to get David. They were all spreading these viscous lies about them.

Psa 86:17 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.

- Lord just something special that they will all see so that they’ll know that I have not lost your favor. That you have helped me. That you are my help, my comfort and my strength. Let them see it Lord.

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GOODNESS OF GOD - Bethel Music (5:03)

I love You, Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days I’ve been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus - And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In the darkest night, You are close like no other.

I’ve known You as a Father. I’ve known You as a Friend. And I have lived in the goodness of God

(Chorus)

Cause Your goodness is running after. It’s running after me.

Your goodness is running after. It’s running after me.

With my life laid down I’m surrendered now I give You everything

Your goodness is running after, It’s running after me. (2x)

(Chorus) (2x)

Oh, I’m gonna sing of the goodness of God

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