

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

FOR THOU, LORD, ART GOOD

PSALMS 86

Text: Psalms 86:5

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⁵ ***For thou, Lord, art good***, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Introduction:

This is a good summary of the Lord.

Note:

1. NOTICE THE AUTHOR

Note:

A. See His Superiority

This is King David.

The shepherd boy who was chosen to be the supreme ruler over Israel.

Note not only His Superiority but also:

B. See His Substance

He is not lacking in provisions.....nor supplies.

He is the King and has a vast domain at his disposal.

Note not only His Superiority and Substance but also:

C. See His Servants

This man as King has servants that await his beckoning call.

In spite of who he is, and what he has....what he desires more than anything else is to bend the ear of God.....he wants to have an audience with God.

Notice not only The Author but also:

2. NOTICE THE APPROACH (VS. 1)

Psalm 86:1

¹ Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Our approach to him is vitally important.

Notice David's approach to the Lord.

This is how we need to come before the Lord.

Note:

A. His Dependence

The King is dependent upon the King of Kings.....He who has attendants' calls upon the LORD asking for his attention.....”

Bow down thine ear, O LORD hear me:”

When we come to the Lord in prayer....are we willing to give our all completely to him or in the back of our mind, are we still holding out that our own way might work?

We must come to the Lord acknowledging our dependence upon him.

Note only His Dependence but also:

B. His Depression – “For I Am Poor”

The word poor means depressed.

Depression is something that most all people deal with at one time or another.

If Satan can get us to have faulty thinking, he will cause us to live flawed lives. Satan loathes to blind the mind

to keep us from hearing the truth of the gospel.....to see our need for God.

Note only His Dependence and Depression but also:

C. His Destitution – Needy

The word needy means destitute like a beggar.

Note the words of the Lord Matthew 5:3:

Matthew 5:3

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

This is the verse upon which the whole Sermon of the Mount builds upon. This is the first step to living the Christian life. It is also the first step to becoming a Christian.

Being poor in spirit doesn't mean to be poor spirited. The Lord isn't encouraging a bad or poor attitude, not is the Lord speaking about physical poverty.

The word translated for poor here is the word used for someone who is so poor he has to beg. I have known poor people who didn't have much, but were able to survive. The person described here by the Lord is so poor that he has to continually ask for help.

You realize that you have no righteousness good enough for God. You realize that you do not have the resources to live righteously within yourself. Your only hope is to cry out to God for help. This, my friend, is true humility.

The Spiritual Beggar knows:

- That He Is Nothing
- That He Has Nothing
- That He Is Dependent of God For Everything

Notice not only the Author and Approach but also:

3. NOTICE THE APPEAL

Note:

A. He Appeals for Preservation (vs. 2)

Psalm 86:2

² Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

He was asking for God to guard him and to put a hedge around him.

Note His Appeal for Preservation but also:

B. He Appeals for Pity (vs. 3)

Psalm 86:3

³ *Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.*

Merciful means to stop in kindness and show pity.

Note His Appeal for Preservation and Pity but also:

C. He Appeals for Provision (vs. 4)

Psalm 86:4

⁴ *Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*

Note His Appeal for Preservation, Pity and Provisions but also:

D. He Appeals for Principle (vs. 11)

Psalm 86:11

¹¹ *Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.*

Notice not only the Author, Approach and Appeal but also:

4. NOTICE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Psalm 86:5

⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Psalm 86:10

¹⁰ For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Note:

A. God is Favorable – Good

B. God is Forgiving

Notice not only the Author, Approach, Appeal, and Acknowledgment but lastly:

5. NOTICE THE ACCLAMATION (VS. 12-13)

Psalm 86:12-13

¹² I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. ¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Note

A. He proclaims to praise the Lord with his heard

B. He proclaims to praise the Lord with honor –
“I will glorify thy name forevermore” (vs. 12)

C. He proclaims the it God who is his help (vs.
13)

“Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”