

The Abundant Mercy of God

Introduction:

Psalm 86 was written in a time of trouble for David. Not sure exactly, as to the situation, but it appears that he was in some sort of physical danger. (86:14) David's appeal, however, is not based so much on the physical danger he may be in, it is on the character of God. When the chips are down, David appeals to the character of God. He needs mercy, more than anything. See 86:3

I. Psalm 86:5a – it brings us forgiveness.

- A. Not only do we see the truth communicated to us here in Psalm 86:5, but we also see it in Ephesians 2:4.
 - 1. If we are to ever have a relationship with God, we must first be forgiven.
- B. Sin is a relationship breaker.
- C. Psalm 103 – an amazing fact about God. See Psalm 103:10-12
 - 1. We deserve judgment. We deserve punishment & condemnation.
 - 2. God's mercy means we can be forgiven.
- D. Isaiah 43 – Israel had continually sinned against God.

II. Psalm 86:5b – Mercy comes to us without limit.

- A. 86:5b – *abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.*
- B. The mercy of God knows no bounds.
 - 1. David says it is "abundant."
- C. God's mercy is so great that it is almost inexpressible.

III. Psalm 86:5c – it is available to all.

- A. More precisely, God's mercy is available to all who call upon God.
- B. 1 Timothy 2:3-6 – Paul says God's mercy is unlimited.
- C. As we reach out & teach about God's mercy, we must communicate that it is:
 - 1. Not obtained automatically.

IV. Psalm 86:7b – it is guaranteed to us.

- A. It is not an empty guarantee. **When our humble and penitent hearts are connected with God**, No terms/conditions. No disclaimer.
- B. 86:7b – David is absolutely certain of God's response. No question. No doubt.
- C. We need to believe the Bible.

Conclusion

- A. We must see our need for God's mercy.
- B. What a great God we have! Let us use this lesson today as motivation to grow closer to Him.