

Recognizing God's Power - Psalm 86:1-7 (Part 1)
A Prayer of David

This Psalm is divided into 3 sections: [1] He seeks God's attention (1-7); [2] He testifies about God's uniqueness (8-13); [3] He pleads for God's deliverance (14-17).

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

Poor and needy - This is not merely referring to his financial state but his spiritual state as well (Isaiah 66:2, Matthew 5:3).

2: Preserve my soul for I am holy. O Thou my God save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Holy - Though David recognized his sinfulness, he kept God's covenant (the Mosaic Law).

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

He was steadfast in prayer and studying the Scriptures (Acts 2:42).

4: Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

David is requesting that his soul (will & emotions) would continue to be covenantally faithful (Deuteronomy 30:19).

5: For Thou, Lord art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Forgive...mercy - God wants ALL people to come to Him (Ezekiel 33:11, II Peter 3:9, I John 1:9, Revelation 22:17).

6: Give ear O LORD unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

David's and our faith is based on an experiential knowledge of who God is and what He requires of us (I John 3:22, 24, 5:2&3).

7: In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee for Thou wilt answer me.

When we experience trouble our prayers become more urgent as was the case with David (Hebrews 4:16).

Conclusion: The most significant difference between the early church and the church today is the study of Scripture (or the lack thereof) and being committed to praying in faith. The strength of any church is proportional to its fellowship, love of Scripture, and prayer.

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