

### **Pleading For God's Deliverance – Psalm 86:14–17 (Part 3)**

14: O God, the proud are risen against me and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul and have not set Thee before them.

Man is arrogant, insolent, violent, wicked, vile, and depraved to the core of his being. These characteristics cause the rebellion against God and all of His precepts and servants.

15: But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

He is long-suffering toward those who continually provoke His anger, though He is never bereft of mercy and truth. He is always faithful, doing what He promised.

God's mercy fountain is always full. David knew he sinned and deserved hell. Nathan assured him that the Lord had taken away his sin (Psalm 103:12). The best of us are likewise debtors to God's mercy.

16: O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.

God is compassionate and gracious, granting strength to the weak (Job 4:4, Isaiah 35:3, Hebrews 12:12). These attributes inspires us to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God's goodness inspires our praise and worship. In Him we find comfort in this perverse world. God is good but men are barbaric; God is gracious but men are violent; God is faithful but men are faithless. God isn't merely compassionate but He is full of compassion. When His mercy is rejected by sinners judgment is there only option (Hebrews 10:31).

17: Shew me a token for good that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because Thou, LORD, hast helped me, and comforted me.

He is saying, "I am Your servant by birth (John 3:3). I'm born in your house. You own me (I Corinthians 7:23). You're my savior and my protector. I'm entitled to ALL of the privileges You provide.

Conclusion: God delivers us from strife to peace and from danger to safety. We are both children and servants of God. We are the household of God (Ephesians 2:19).

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