



## **SERMON NOTES**

January 24, 2016

Scripture: Psalm 86:1-17 (NAS)

Topic: "Prayer: The Privilege of God's People"

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- 1 Your ear, O LORD, and answer me; For I am afflicted and needy.
- 2 Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord, For to You I cry all day long.
- 4 Make glad the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
- 7 In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.
- 8 There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours.
- 9 All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.
- 10 For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.
- 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.
- 12 I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever.
- 13 For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, arrogant men have risen up against me, And a band of violent men have sought my life, And they have not set You before them.
- 15 But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.
- 16 Turn to me, and be gracious to me; Oh grant Your strength to Your servant, And save the son of Your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### **I. OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

- A. His Word
- B. Our Prayers

### **II. THE AUTHOR AND COMPOSITION OF THE PSALM**

- A. David Is The Designated Author
- B. It Is A Mosaic Of Verses From Other Psalms And Scripture

### **III. WHY SHOULD WE PRAY?**

- A. Because Of Our Great Need

B. We Battle With The Enemy Without *1 Peter 5:8*

C. We Battle With The Enemy Within *Galatians 5:17*

### **IV. TO WHOM SHOULD WE PRAY?**

- A. To God
- B. With A Knowledge Of God
- C. With An Awareness Of God's Sovereignty *II Corinthians 4:4; I John 4:3-4*
- D. Through The Son

### **V. HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?**

- A. Earnestly
- B. Humbly
- C. Continually *I Thessalonians 5:16-18*
- D. Thankfully *I Thessalonians 5:18; Philippians 4:6*
- E. In Faith

### **VI. WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR?**

- A. Salvation *Matthew 1:21; Luke 19:10*
- B. Joy In The Midst Of Trial *Philippians 4:4*
- C. A Teachable And Obedient Heart vs. 11
- D. God's Glory And That He May Reign Over All