

Ministry of The Holy Spirit 2
Learning Through The Holy Spirit

Psalm 86

**Prayer for Mercy, with Meditation on the Excellencies of the Lord
A Prayer of David.**

86 Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me;

For I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my life, for I am holy;

You are my God;

Save Your servant who trusts in You!

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord,

For I cry to You all day long.

4 Rejoice 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 mercy to all those who call upon You.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

And attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,

For You will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord;

Nor are there any works like Your works.

9 All nations whom You have made

Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,

And shall glorify Your name.

10 For You are great, and do wondrous things;

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 praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,

And I will glorify Your name forevermore.

13 For great is Your mercy toward me,

And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

14 O God, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent men have sought my life,
And have not set You before them.

15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

16 Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
And save the son of Your maidservant.

17 Show me a sign for good,
That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
Because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

This is such a powerful prayer...

I was only going to use one verse, but The Holy Spirit kept showing me more in this:

Listen to the **mental, emotional, and, spiritual state of David, as he prays to God:**

- He's afraid
- He's depressed
- He's broken
- He's lost
- Obvious ally, there was unresolved sin in his life as he called for forgiveness, mercy, and to be reunited with God
- He felt hated by many...

Does this not sound like it runs the gambit of the spiritual and emotional state of the world today?

- And it seems to get worse everyday
- In this "Post-Christian" society that we live in today

Sounds a little like Something God said in The Bible

Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Because you have rejected knowledge,
I also will reject you from being priest for Me;
Because you have forgotten the law of your God,
I also will forget your children.

- **Not following God's plan robs us of our abundant life, our blessings**

But there is Hope!!!

- **And David realized there was Hope**
- **Teach me Your way, O Lord;**
- **I will walk in Your truth;**

That Hope is in The Knowledge in The Lord!!!

- **That Hope is Jesus!!!**

But people need a teacher...

John 14:26

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Jesus was talking to His disciples, who were basically asking:

- **How will we ever make it without You here by our sides?**
- **How will we know what to do, what to say...?**
- **Who's going to tell us what to do when times are difficult?**

Jesus said,

- **The Holy Spirit will teach you...**

And God knows that as the world changes, technology changes, culture changes...

- **We will need additional knowledge**
- **And we will need a teacher...**

You see, even when people turn against Him, God still loves them and wants to give them a chance!!

- **He wants them to learn to love and trust Him**

Old Testament example that fits well in today's culture:

Nehemiah 9:20-21

20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,

And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth,
And gave them water for their thirst.

21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness;
They lacked nothing;
Their clothes did not wear out
And their feet did not swell.

Even when the children of Israel turned away from God, made a golden calf to worship...

- God gave them a teacher...
- His Spirit
- He didn't withhold from them
- He gave them what they needed

God wanted them to experience the abundant life that He had waiting on them.....

God doesn't want any less for you or anybody else!!

- That's why He wants you to know "His Ways"
- That's why He gives us a Teacher
- That's why He gives us The Holy Spirit
- To live in and with us
- To abide in us forever!!!

God's Word:

- We have The Bible, God's inspired Word...
- Some say that is enough, that's all we need...

I argue that point today:

Last week we spoke about Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8)

- He was reading Isaiah with no understanding....
- He needed someone guide him, to teach him

I believe reading The Bible without understanding is no better than reading a novel...

- Don't stone me yet....
- Jesus said The Holy Spirit would bring to our remembrance His Word
- I believe that would be in revelation, understanding and application
- The Holy Spirit teaches us how to apply The Word in our daily lives
- I don't think Jesus would have said it if He didn't mean it!!!

God wants us to have knowledge...

- Knowledge of Him
- Knowledge of how to unlock His blessings in our lives...
- Knowledge of how to effectively minister to those that are lost

For The Church, God has given the Five Fold Ministry...

- Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors, and Teachers...

For the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12)

And I do believe these are all necessary...

- Church organizers/coverings
- Visionaries...Prophetic voices leading us into the future
- Going into the world with a salvation message
- Local Church Shepherds (how can they hear without a preacher)
- Teachers instilling the truth of God

But as an individual, we need a teacher...

- Kind of like **a full time tutor**, giving us the answers to the test!!

1 John 2:24-27

Let Truth Abide in You

24 Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. 27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

- This Helper...
- This Teacher...
- Leading...
- Helping...
- Teaching...

1 Corinthians 2:13-14

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but **which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** 14 But **the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God**, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

- **It's a Spiritual thing!!**

My people perish for lack of knowledge....

- **But they flourish with it!!!**

Closing:

Teach me your ways oh Lord....