



## Psalm 86

### **“Be gracious to me, O Lord”**

God’s expression of grace to us can come in many different forms. It can come in the form of teachings, answered prayer, correction, or a changed heart.

Read Psalm 86.

1. Identify as many requests by David as you can that exemplify his pleas for God’s grace.
2. Unlike many other laments, this lament is packed with more mention of God’s character than of David’s enemies. From your reading, what makes David delight in the Lord so much? List as many evidences as you can find.
3. At the heart of his plea, is a plea for his heart. He asks God for an undivided heart (vs. 11) and then expresses his thanks with his whole heart (vs. 12). In every situation, God is always after our heart. As you meditate on the qualities of God in this Psalm, what do you desire to be more true of your heart today?

Application: When moments come up this week that remind you of your need for God’s transforming grace, practice praying this simple prayer, “Be gracious to me, O Lord.” You may be surprised how this will increase your dependence on His Spirit.