

PULPIT MINISTRY- NOVEMBER 2005
Theme: “For His Mercy Endures Forever”

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

20 November 2005

Text: Psalm 86

Title” “Longsuffering and Abundant in Mercy”

(I) A FRESH APPRECIATION OF GOD NEEDED

1. When we recognize our weakness

*“Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I am poor and needy.”* *Psalm 86:1*

2. When we recognize our helplessness against wicked enemies

*“O God, the proud have risen against me,
And a mob of violent men have sought my life...”* *Psalm 86:14*

(II) A FRESH APPRECIATION OF GOD POSSIBLE THROUGH MEDITATION

*“For You, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You”* *Psalm 86:5*

*“But You, O LORD, are a God full of compassion, and gracious,
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth”* *Psalm 86:15*

1. List the attributes of God for meditation

- a) Goodness
- b) Forgiving
- c) Abundant in mercy
- d) Full of compassion
- e) Gracious
- f) Longsuffering
- g) Abundant in... truth

2. Take time to:

- a) Dwell on these attributes
- b) Comprehend them deeply
- c) Imbibe these truths into our very souls!

(III) A FRESH APPRECIATION OF GOD THROUGH APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN PRAYER

1. Practise praying in a very personal manner

“You are my God” *Psalm 86:2b*

2. Practise consciousness of being God’s servant

“Save Your servant who trusts in You” *Psalm 86:2b*

“Rejoice the soul of Your servant” *Psalm 86:4*

“Give Your strength to Your servant” *Psalm 86:16b*

3. Practise great trust in the Lord hearing and answering prayer

*“In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,
And You will answer me.”* *Psalm 86:7*

4. Practise consistency in giving praise to God

*“I will praise You, O LORD my God, with all my heart,
And I will glorify Your name forever”* *Psalm 86:12*

POEM

THE LOVE OF GOD

My God, how endless is Thy love;
Thy gifts are every evening new;
And morning mercies from above
Gently distil like early dew.

Thou spread’st the curtain of the night,
Great guardians of my sleeping hours;
Though sovereign word restores the light,

And quickens all my drowsy powers.

I yield my powers to Thy command'
To Thee I consecrate my days;
Perpetual blessings from Thy hand
Demand perpetual songs of praise.

- Isaac Watts -