

(I) THE FULL CONTEXT OF DAVID’S TESTIMONY

1. In the light of his sins

- a) He killed everyone on his raids (**1 Samuel 27:11**)
- b) He despised the Lord by his murder of Uriah (**2 Samuel 12:9,10**)
- c) He asked Hushai to lie to Absalom (**2 Samuel 15:34**)
- d) He did nothing about Joab’s killing of Amasa (**2 Samuel 20:9-10**)

2. In the light of his enemies

*“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.” **Psalm 86:14***

- a) Proud
- b) Violent
- c) Ungodly

3. In the light of being afflicted

- a) Humbled and in need

*“...For I am poor and needy.” **Psalm 86:1***

- b) Troubled

*“In the day of my trouble...” **Psalm 86:7***

(II) TESTIFYING OF HOW GOD PROVIDES COMFORT

How did he find comfort from God?

1. By Pleading His goodness in forgiveness

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

2. By appreciating His greatness of mercy despite sins

“For great is Your mercy toward me...” Psalm 86:13

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

3. By experiencing God’s hand of deliverance and help

“...You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.” Psalm 86:13

“Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.” Psalm 86:17

4. By seeking to make things right

*“Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.” Psalm 86:11*

(III) THANKING GOD FOR HIS PROVISION OF COMFORT

1. Worshipping God as the only true God

*“Among the gods there is none like You, O LORD;
Nor are there any works like Your works.
All nations whom You have made
Shall come and worship before You, O Lord,
And shall glorify Your name.
For You are great, and do wondrous things;
You alone are God.” Psalm 86:8-10*

2. Praising and glorifying His name forevermore

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