



Readings for the Holiday Season - # 9

The Book of Psalms was like a book of prayers and hymns for the people of God in Old Testament times. In a time of reflection such as the beginning of a new year there are many passages in the Psalms that call us to a renewed commitment to the Lord. One such passage is Psalm 86:1-13. Let it shape your thoughts for the living of a new year.

Psalm 86:1-13

A prayer of David.

¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long. ⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. ⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.