

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life."

—John Homer Miller

"Words can never convey the incredible impact of our attitude toward life. The longer I live, the more convinced I become that life is 10% of what happens to us and 90% how we respond to it."

—Charles Swindoll

"All looks yellow to the jaundiced eye."

— Alexander Pope

¹Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. ³Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. ⁴Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

<sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
 <sup>6</sup>Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
 <sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

<sup>8</sup>There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. <sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

—Psalm 86:1-10

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-Church of England Conference, 1928

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• Forgiveness, Psalm 86:5

13He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. —Colossians 1:13-14 <sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

<sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

—1 John 2:1-2

God is Great in His...
• Forgiveness, Psalm 86:5
• Faithfulness, Psalm 86: 5, 7, 15

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

—Lamentations 3:22-23

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
—1 Thessalonians 5:24

God is Great in His...

• Forgiveness, Psalm 86:5

• Faithfulness, Psalm 86: 5, 7, 15

• Fury, Psalm 86:8-9

3"You shall have no other gods before me. 4You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

—Exodus 20:3-6

God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.

—Psalm 86:14

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

-Revelation 21:8

## God is Great in His...

- Forgiveness, Psalm 86:5
- Faithfulness, Psalm 86: 5, 7, 15
- Fury, Psalm 86:8-9
- Faultlessness, Psalm 86:11

Teach me your way,
O LORD, that I may walk
in your truth; unite my
heart to fear your name.

—Psalm 86:11

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.



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12I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. 13For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. 15But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. —Psalm 86:12-13, 15

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. —Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. —2 Peter 3:9



<sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! —Psalm 84:11-12

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28

How should I respond?

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• With Praise!

I give thanks to you,
O Lord my God,
with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your
name forever.
—Psalm 86:12



Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

—Romans 11:33

How should I respond?

• With Praise!

• With Perspective

• With Proclamation

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
-Psalm 34:8

How should I respond?

• With Praise!

• With Perspective

• With Proclamation

• With Peace

<sup>3</sup>You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

<sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

—Isaiah 26:3-4