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Listening Love

Psalm 86:5, “You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.” Forgiveness is an amazing thing. The fact that I deserve punishment, separation and death is trumped by the fact that a forgiving Father has placed all of my guilt and blame upon His own Son, Jesus. Not only that, He has done this because His nature is goodness. He is not willing that anyone should perish, but that everyone should come to repentance.

Our God is ready to forgive (KJV). F.B. Meyer puts it like this: “We are blinded by sin, and cannot believe that God is ready to forgive. We think that we must induce Him to forgive, by tears, promises of amendment, religious observances ... Oh, clasp this word to your heart! Say it over and over again - 'Ready to forgive, ready to forgive!'”

Not only is God forgiving and good, He is abounding in love. The Hebrew term is *wə·raḅ* and it means more than enough. In other words, God’s love so much more than you need. It’s more than I need. In fact, it is more than this whole world needs. That’s why when John says God so loved the world, it is not a stretch for God at all. His love is never-ending and covers all.

David then states in this Psalm that anyone (no matter race, status, or any other category we tend to put people in) who calls upon Him will receive His abounding love. God is a listening God. He is always listening. I remember as a young boy in Sunday school, my teacher gave us memory verses to learn and I recall Jeremiah 33:3 to this day. She said this was God’s phone number. “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Call upon the Lord today. He is waiting for your call and His line is never busy...in fact, He never hangs up His end of the line. Why? Because He love you so.

Dear Father, thank You that Your love is never ending and that You are always there, waiting to hear from me. Thank You for Your provision and Your goodness and mercy. In Jesus Name,
Amen