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Crying to God?

We read in the Bible that David was a king with plenty of money, material possessions, armies, servants, personal guards, etc., yet David constantly **cried out to God** for help! In Psalm 57:2 David said, "I will **cry unto God** most high; unto **God that performeth all things for me.**" David could have easily put his trust in material things and people around him, but he knew that God alone was his **help for the present and hope for the future!** During his life, he experienced numerous situations in which he learned to be entirely dependent upon God for help. The Hebrew word here for "**cry**" is used 47 times in Psalms in the context of **crying out to God.** It is used three times in Psalm 86. "Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for **I cry unto thee daily**" (v.3). Though he was a rich king, David recognized his spiritual need. With humility and dependency on God he cried, "...I am **poor and needy**" (v.1). David knew that God was both **able** and **willing** to meet his needs, "For thou, Lord, art **good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy** unto **all** them that **call upon thee**" (v.5). The word for "**call upon**" is the same Hebrew word as "**cry**" in verse three. You may be reading this and thinking there is no hope for you – that you are just too sinful for God to ever forgive you. Please notice the word "**all**" in that verse – it includes you! God is "**ready to forgive**" you – if you will just **cry out to Him** and ask Him to forgive you. Don't let pride hold you back – get alone and **just humbly cry out to God for His help!** Maybe you are facing severe problems for which you have no solution. Because God is "**plenteous in mercy**" you can be confident, as was David, that God will hear and answer **your cry**, "In the day of my trouble I will **call upon** thee: for **thou wilt answer me**" (v.7)

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