

## ***RESTORING THE ART OF PLEADING YOUR CASE (Part 9)***

### **Responding to His Promises (Part 3)**

#### **E. Plead the Past Answers to Prayer**

1. David reminded God of His past mercy: "Thou hast been my help" (Ps. 27:9b). "O God, Thou has taught me... even when I am old and gray, O God do not forsake me" (Ps. 71:17-18a). A number of psalms remind God and the people in detail of His past mercies (see Ps. 78; 85:1-7; 105; 106; and 136).

2. Like David, you can present pleading assignments for new mercies on the basis of the history of all His previously has done. But the task is yet unfinished. God has invested too much to stop now. Plead for God's continuing mercy and power to be renewed to bring the final victory.

3. What has God done for you? How have your prayers been answered in the past? Just begin to praise and thank the Lord for the answers of the past, and renewed faith will raise arise within you for your plea-saying of today.

#### **F. Plead the Word and the Promises of God**

1. David cried to God reverently, humbly, and lovingly, yet with holy insistence. He pressed for fulfillment of God's promise, "Do as You have spoken. Let Your name be established and magnified forever... therefore Your servant has found courage to pray before You. Now, O Lord, You are God, and have promised this good thing to Your servant" (1 Chron. 17:23-26).

2. Solomon prayed the same way. He held God to the promises that He has made to David, his father: "... O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no god like You in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart; who has kept with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him; indeed, You have spoken with Your mouth, and have fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. Now therefore, O Lord, the God of Israel, keep with Your servant David, my father, that which You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk in My law as you have walked before Me.' Now therefore, O Lord, the God of Israel, let Your word be confirmed which You have spoken to Your servant David" (2 Chron. 6:14-17). This was no mincing of words. God has spoken. Now Solomon insisted that God fulfilled His Word.