

# Psalms 119:86

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me  
wrongfully; help thou me.

## Analysis

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**All thy commandments are faithful** (כָּל־מִצְוֹתֶיךָ אֱמוּנָה)—every single mitzvah (commandment) possesses emunah (faithfulness/reliability). God's commands aren't arbitrary impositions but reliable guides proven trustworthy through testing. **They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me** (שֶׁקֶר הִדְפוּנִי עֲזֶרְנִי)—sheker (falsehood/wrongfully) modifies redaphuni (they persecute me); the opposition is unjust. Ozreni (help me) pleads for divine intervention.

Jesus experienced this: persecuted wrongfully (John 15:25), yet the Father's commandments remained utterly faithful. Peter echoes: 'If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye' (1 Peter 3:14). Unjust persecution validates rather than invalidates God's Word—the faithful commands attract opposition from those who oppose faithfulness.

## Historical Context

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Throughout redemptive history, God's faithful servants faced wrongful persecution: Joseph, David, the prophets, Jesus, the apostles. The Hebrew concept of emunah (faithfulness) encompasses reliability, steadfastness, and truth. God's commandments share His character—they can be trusted even when obedience brings suffering.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How have you experienced God's commandments proving faithful even when obedience led to persecution?
2. What does it reveal about God's Word that following it sometimes attracts wrongful opposition?
3. In what ways can you cry 'Help me!' to God while continuing to obey His faithful commandments?

## Interlinear Text

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H3605	All thy commandments	are faithful	me wrongfully	they persecute	help
	H4687	H530	H8267	H7291	H5826

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 109:26** (Parallel theme): Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy:

**Psalms 70:5** (Parallel theme): But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

**Psalms 35:19** (Parallel theme): Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

**Psalms 119:128** (Parallel theme): Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

**Psalms 119:138** (Faith): Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

**Psalms 119:151** (Word): Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.

**Psalms 119:78** (Parallel theme): Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts.

**Psalms 35:7** (Parallel theme): For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul.

**Romans 7:12** (Word): Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

**Psalms 119:142** (Word): Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.