

Sunday Night Message

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*Psalm 86* –

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 86

## **Introduction**

In the middle of 4 psalms written for the sons of Korah is a psalm attributed to David. The context of this psalm is not known, but it is apparent that it was written , or prayed, when David was facing some sort of opposition.

We are introduced to the Hebrew name “Adonai” in this psalm, which is a name of reverence used for God for a Jew who would not mouth the word, “Jehovah”. Interestingly, the name, “Jehovah” is also used in this psalm, along with the word “elohym”.

### **I David’s Request (vs. 1 – 4)**

Hear me; preserve me; save me; be merciful to me; cause me to rejoice; turn unto me (v. 16); strengthen me (v. 16); shew me (v. 17)

*"A Prayer of David. Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy." (Psalm 86:1)*

Notice here that David recognizes that the Lord is above him. He is lifting God up, and humbling himself. David here is also declaring his dependence on God. He is facing a situation that is bigger than himself, more than he could handle on his own.

Isaiah saw the Lord the same way that David did:

*"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple." (Isaiah 6:1)*

*"Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee." (Psalm 86:2)*

Notice that the basis for David’s prayer was his relationship with God. He knew he was God’s child. It was the Old Testament equivalent of praying in Jesus name.

*"Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily." (Psalm 86:3)*

Notice that David prayed daily.

*"Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul."  
(Psalm 86:4)*

## **II David's Realization (vs. 5 - 10)**

In these verses we learn what David knew about the character of God.

God is good; God is forgiving and merciful

*"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee." (Psalm 86:5)*

*"Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications."  
(Psalm 86:6)*

God answers prayer

*"In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me." (Psalm 86:7)*

God is more powerful than anything or anybody else.

*"Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works." (Psalm 86:8)*

*"I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things." (Isaiah 45:5-7)*

*"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name." (Psalm 86:9)*

*"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone." (Psalm 86:10)*

Notice the prophetic reverence of "all nations"

*"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?"*

*for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest." (Revelation 15:2-4)*

### **III David's Resolve (vs. 11 - 12)**

David resolves to walk with God.

*"Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name." (Psalm 86:11)*

Notice that he asks God to unite his heart.

*"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (James 1:8)*

*"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." (James 4:8)*

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

*"I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore." (Psalm 86:12)*

David resolves to praise and glorify God.

### **IV David Remembers (vs. 13 - 17)**

*"For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell." (Psalm 86:13)*

*"O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them." (Psalm 86:14)*

*"But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." (Psalm 86:15)*

*"O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid." (Psalm 86:16)*

*"Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me." (Psalm 86:17)*

David asks for a sign. He was asking for God to intervene in a miraculous way so that David's enemies would know that it was God that was helping David. David wanted God to be glorified.