

Psalm 86

Psalms 86:1-2 [New King James] *“Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me; for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am holy; You are my God; save Your servant who trusts in You!”*

This Psalm is an expression of a devout man seeking the assuring fellowship and strengthening grace of the Creator God.

The Hebrew word translated “holy” is “cheched” meaning kind and pious person dedicated to the Creator God.

A feature of this Psalm is that each petition is accompanied by a reason why each prayer should be granted.

Psalms 86:3-7 [New King James] *“Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me.”*

Each petition is grounded on the very character of the One and only true Creator God.

Psalms 86:8-10 [New King James] *“Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name. For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.”*

The Creator God of the Christian Bible is unique!

He is alive and able to do mighty deeds for those who love and obey Him.

All other “gods” are powerless because they are “man-made” merely inventions of the human mind **not** living beings.

The Creator God of the Bible, Jesus Christ [**John 1:1-3, 14**] is one Person of the one true Triune God who is the only One who should receive glory, honour and has all power, [**Revelation 4:9-11**].

Although many people have been deceived by Satan to believe in many other “gods” [Revelation 12:9], those who believe in the true Triune God as revealed in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, may never fear they are worshipping a false god created by the human mind.

Eventually all human beings will come to know and worship the true Creator God of the Christian Bible.

The Psalmist wanted to be among those who were in a close relationship with the true Creator God now.

Psalms 86:11-13 [New King James] *“Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.”*

Desired to be taught by the true Creator God to live a life that will bring Him the glory He deserves because of mercy towards him, bringing him salvation from eternal death.

Psalms 86:14 [New King James] *“O God, the proud have risen against me, and a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not set You before them.”*

Christians have always been warned that they will suffer for their faith in the true Creator God, [Matthew 10:21-23; Matthew 24:9; John 16:2; 2 Timothy 3:12].

Psalms 86:15 [New King James] *“But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.”*

In total contrast to those that hate Christians, as many have in every generation, including this present generation. The true Creator God will show great compassion, grace and longsuffering and faithfulness.

Psalms 86:16 [New King James] *“Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant.”*

“Turn to me” has been the plea of the Psalmist throughout this Psalm for he knows the abundant mercy he will receive from the true Creator God.

Psalms 86:17 [New King James] *“Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”*

Even behind this longing for self-assurance, the Psalmist desires to be a witness to others who do not yet know the One and only true Creator God, and that their shame may cause them to turn to Him.

The term *“your maidservant”* implies a relationship akin to that of a bonds slave born into the master’s household and therefore having **no** personal rights **only** responsibilities towards their master. The Hebrew word translated *“maidservant”* is *“âmâh”* meaning a female bonds slave.

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