

## Psalm 86 David's Heart-Prints

A Prayer of David.

1 **Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me; For I am poor and needy.** 2 Preserve my life, for **I am holy; You are my God;** Save Your servant who trusts in You! 3 **Be merciful to me,** O Lord, For I cry to You all day long. 4 **Rejoice the soul** of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, **I lift up my soul.** 5 **For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,** And **abundant in mercy** to all those who call upon You. 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 **In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me.** 8 Among the gods there is **none like You,** O Lord; Nor are there any works like Your works. 9 All nations whom You have made Shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And shall glorify Your name. 10 For You are great, and do wondrous things; **You alone are God.** 11 **Teach me** Your way, O Lord; **I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.** 12 **I will praise You,** O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. 13 For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. 14 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. 15 But You, O Lord, are **a God full of compassion,** and **gracious, Longsuffering** and **abundant in mercy and truth.** 16 Oh, **turn to me,** and **have mercy on me!** Give Your **strength** to Your servant, And save the son of Your maidservant. 17 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.

- **Only Psalm** designated **A Prayer of David**, i.e. Dave's Heart-prints all over it
- **David:** Uses Heb. **Adonai** [Master] **7x** referring to God

The man of sincerity, of ardor, of trials, of faults, and of great heart, pleads, sobs, and trusts through all the verses of this psalm." [Charles Spurgeon]

### David's need meets God's Provision

- **Vv 1-2**      **Bow down to me**
- **Vv 3-4**      **I lift my soul to You**

As You bow down...I lift my soul to You

**Psalm 143:8** Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For **I lift up my soul to You.**

- **You Lord are...** Good/Ready to Forgive/Abundant in Mercy
- **Vv 6-7** Hear me in the Day of Trouble

**Ephesians 5:16** redeem... the time, because the **days are evil.**

**Ephesians 6:13** [Some more evil than others] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand in the evil day,** and having done all, to stand.

- **Vv 8-10** Among the gods there is none like you. **You alone are God**

**Exodus 15:11** [Moses after Red Sea] "**Who is like You,** O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

**2 Samuel 7:22** [David after God's promise] Therefore You are great, O Lord God. For **there is none like You**, nor is there any God besides You...

**1 Kings 8:23** [Solomon after Temple] "Lord God of Israel, **there is no God in heaven above or on earth below like You...**

### **There is no other God like You!**

**Note:** David here uses phrase **before God acts**. Heart-print

- **V 11-13** Prayer of a man after God's own heart: Desire to know/obey
  1. Teach me and **I WILL** walk in Your Truth
  2. Unite my heart with Yours [to fear You] and **I WILL** Praise You
- **V14 Context of Psalm 86:** Violent mob is rising up against David
- **V15 Response is Praise. Lord You are...**
  1. Full of Compassion
  2. Gracious/Longsuffering
  3. Abundant in Mercy/Truth

**Exodus 34:6** [God revealed Himself to Moses] The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth...**

- **V15 Reiterates** thoughts of **v5...**

For You Lord are Good/Ready to Forgive/Abundant in Mercy  
**To all those who call upon You...**

**Romans 10:13** For "**whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- **Vv16-17 Supplication in Light of God's Goodness**
  1. Turn **to me**
  2. Have mercy **on me**
  3. Be strong **in me**
  4. Give a sign **for me...why?**

v17 That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed  
**See what?** That You Lord have helped me/comforted me

## **Psalm 87** Something about Jerusalem

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song.

1 His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The Lord **loves the gates of Zion** More than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, **O city of God! Selah** 4 "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: '**This one was born there.**' " 5 And of Zion it will be said, "**This one and that one were born in her;** And the **Most High Himself shall establish her.**" 6 The Lord will record, When **He registers the**

**peoples: "This one was born there." Selah 7 Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs are in you."**

- **Sons of Korah:** Jerusalem the Center of God's Creation?
  1. Whatever direction from Jerusalem... the Word calls it "**down**"
  2. The entire world reads toward Jerusalem. West L-R East R-L to the city
  3. East and West in the Bible always centered at Jerusalem
  4. Jerusalem is the real estate where **time was split BC became AD**

**Galatians 4:26 ... the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.** [Study vv 24-27]

- **Apostle John saw it:** New Jerusalem Our Eternal Heavenly Home

**Revelation 21:1** [After 1000 years in earthly Jerusalem] Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God ...**9** Then one of the seven angels...came to me and talked with me, saying, "**Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife.**" 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me **the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God**, 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the **twelve tribes of the children of Israel ...14** Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

- **V6**

The Lord will register His people by name for a place in the New Jerusalem

- Believers were born spiritually in Jerusalem at the Cross [Issue of Water/Blood]
- Believers now have a **place reserved by God** in the Heavenly Jerusalem

**1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has **begotten us again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you**, 5 who are **kept by the power of God through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- **V 7** All that sustains us will be in Jerusalem: Jesus

**All my Springs are in you Jerusalem**

**Zechariah 14:8** [Jesus will rule from Jerusalem] And in that day it shall be That **living waters shall flow from Jerusalem ...9** And the **Lord shall be King over all the earth.**

Cleansing/Refreshing/Life Giving Waters as Jesus Reigns  
**Something about Jerusalem**

**Psalm 88** Faith to Wait

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. To the Chief Musician. Set to "Mahalath Leannoth." A Contemplation of Heman the Ezrahite.

1 O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. 2 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry. 3 For my soul is full of troubles, And **my life draws near to the grave**. 4 I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, 5 **Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave**, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand. 6 You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths. 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your waves. **Selah** 8 You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; 9 My eye wastes away because of affliction. Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You. 10 Will You work wonders for the dead? **Shall the dead arise and praise You? Selah** 11 Shall Your lovingkindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of destruction? 12 Shall Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 But to You I have cried out, O Lord, And in the morning my prayer comes before You. 14 Lord, why do You cast off my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me? 15 I have been afflicted and ready to die from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I am distraught. 16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your terrors have cut me off. 17 They came around me all day long like water; They engulfed me altogether. 18 Loved one and friend You have put far from me, And my acquaintances into darkness.

- **Heman the Ezrahite son of Korah:** Known for...

1. Great wisdom 1 Kings 4:31
2. Music ability/service 1 Chro 6:33, 15:17-19, 16:41-42, 25:1; 2 Chro. 5:12, 35:15
3. Many/exceptional sons/daughters 1 Chro 25:5-6
4. Service to Kings David/Solomon 1 Chro 25:6

In this Psalm, Heman makes a map of his life's history, he puts down all the dark places through which he has traveled. He mentions his sins, his sorrows, his hopes [if he had any], his fears, his woes, and so on. Now, that is real prayer, laying your case before the Lord. [Spurgeon]

- **Vv1-7** Similar to Job

**I am suffering Lord/I know it is You who is doing it**  
...or at least allowing it. Selah

- **Vv 8-10** More *Job-esq* prose. Here, common OT last gasp plea...

**I know You desire praise but I can't if I'm dead**  
**But is that true? Is there no life after death?**

**Job 14:14** If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, **Till my change comes.**

**Job 19:25** For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; 26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That **in my flesh I shall see God...**

- David had a **developing understanding** of life after death...

**Psalm 6:4** [Bad day] Return, O Lord, deliver me! Oh, save me for Your mercies' sake! 5 For **in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks?**

**Psalm 17:15** [David] As for me, **I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.**

- **Vv11-17 More of the same:** I called You to avenge/You do not answer

**Psalm 28:1** David. To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock: **Do not be silent to me,** Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**Psalm 31:12** I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.

**Psalm 42:7** Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.

- **God's silence** is not for no reason/Nothing God does/doesn't do is for no reason
- He wants us to trust Him in silence/Wait in expectation/Testing our faith

Glorious when His Light breaks through after **waiting correctly**

**Luke 18:1** Then [Jesus] spoke a parable to them, that men always **ought to pray and not lose heart...**

The moment we stop believing God cares is the moment we start to lose heart because we now have the wrong view God. [NJC]

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us... [Tozer]

**Luke 18:7** [Truth] ...shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that **He will avenge them speedily.** Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, **will He really find faith on the earth?"**

**Isaiah 40:27** **Why do you say,** O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "**My way is hidden from the Lord,** And my just claim is passed over by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, **31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.**

- **Those who wait correctly will renew their strength:** Faith/Expectation not wining

### **Psalm 88**

Heman the Ezrahite son of Korah needs to learn to **wait correctly**  
**In Faith and Expectation**

## **Psalm 89** Time for Big Boy Pants

A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite

- **Ethan the Ezrahite:** Same as Jeduthun who founded one of three choirs

- **Wise Guy...**

**1 Kings 4:31** [Paraphrase] **If you are wiser than Ethan you are a pretty smart guy**

- **Begins w/Praise** God's Covenant w/ David
- **Ends in Lament** Unfaithfulness of God's People
- **Highlights** God's faithfulness to His People

**Vv 1-4** Praise for God's Covenant w/David: Messiah will come from your line

1 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord **forever**; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." 3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4 'Your seed I will establish **forever**, And build up your **throne to all generations.**' " **Selah**

**2 Samuel 7:13 ... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**

**Isaiah 9:7** Of the increase of His government and peace **There will be no end**, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice **From that time forward, even forever.**

**Luke 1:33** And He will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**, and of **His kingdom there will be no end.**

**Vv 5-13** Celebration of the King/Only Promise Keeper

5 And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. 6 For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord? 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him. 8 O Lord God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. 9 **You rule the raging of the sea**; When its waves rise, You still them. 10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. 11 The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all its fullness, You have founded them. 12 The north and the south, You have created them; Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Your name. 13 You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

- **The Eternal King:** All authority has been given to Jesus
  1. Rules the Nations
  2. Rules the Angels/Demons [Rahab]
  3. Rules the Heavens/Mountains
  4. Rules ALL because He created ALL

**Colossians 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. 15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your countenance. 16 In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted. 17 For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted. 18 For our shield belongs to the Lord, And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

- **V14 Attributes of the Coming King:** Righteousness/Justice/Mercy/Truth
- **Vv15-17** Benefits of following the King...
  1. **Walking in His Light** No more looking over shoulder
  2. **Rejoicing in His Name** Name above Names. Demon crusher
  3. **Exalted in His Righteousness** Perfect in the Eyes of God
- **V18** God is our Glory/Our Strength/Protection [Shield] our everything

**Genesis 15:1** [God's Covenant with Abram] ...the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

#### Vv 19-37 Reaffirmation of the Promise

19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. 20 I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, 21 With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. 22 The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. 23 I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him. 24 "But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. 25 Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers. 26 He shall cry to Me, 'You are my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' 27 Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him. **29 His seed also I will make to endure forever,** And his throne as the days of heaven. 30 "If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, 31 If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. 35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: 36 His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; 37 It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." **Selah**

- **Reaffirmation:** Kings from David's line culminating in King of Kings

**Jeremiah 33:17** For thus says the Lord: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel...

- **v35-37**

As I am faithful each/every day to sustain both Sun/Moon  
**I will be faithful to My Promise...**

- No matter what things look/feel like Ethan...

38 [Yah] But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been **furious with Your anointed**. 39 You have **renounced the covenant** of Your servant; You have **profaned his crown by casting it to the ground**. 40 You have **broken down all his hedges**; You have brought his **strongholds to ruin**. 41 All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors. 42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries; You have made all his enemies rejoice. 43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword, And have not sustained him in the battle. 44 You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground. 45 The days of his youth You have shortened; You have covered him with shame. **Selah**

**What you see/feel doesn't matter:** This is a unilateral promise from Me...God  
I promised to send the Messiah...I will send the Messiah.

- **"Yah buts"** are us calling God a liar

**Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

**Titus 1:2** ...[We have] hope of eternal life which God, who **cannot lie**, promised before time began...

- **V 39 Psalmist:** It looks like you renounced Your covenant. Military defeat in view?
  1. **Blaming God for defeat** even questioning His faithfulness...
  2. **Rather than taking responsibility** for actions/accepting consequences
- **Ethan:** Your suffering because of your in sin: Choose to sin/Choose to suffer
- **Consequences/Confusion** due to your sin **do not revoke My promise**

**IOWs** Time to put your Big Boy Pants On/Take you Medicine

46 How long, Lord? Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire? 47 **Remember how short my time is**; For what **futility have You created all the children of men?** 48 What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah 49 Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to David in Your truth? 50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your servants— How I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the many peoples, 51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O Lord, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed. 52 Blessed be the Lord forevermore! Amen and Amen.

- **Amen and Amen?** Really?
- **Whiner:** Like a complaint letter ending with "Kind regards" Gimme a break
- **God fulfilled His Promise:** John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

## BOOK FOUR

### Psalm 90 Eternity of God vs Man's Frailty

A Prayer of Moses the man of God

- **Vv 1-11** Description of Eternal God's dealings with frailty of men

1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

- **Prayer of Moses:** Heart-prints

1. **40 Yrs.** in Egypt [World]      Power/Riches/Rulership      Pharaohs Palace
2. **40 Yrs.** God's stuff Moses way      Runaway/Poor/Shepherd      Dry Desert
3. **40 Yrs.** God's stuff God's way      God's Staff/Resources/Leader      Adventure

### Vv 1-2 Eternality of God

- **Vv1 Dwelling Place:** Place we find solace/comfort/relief from the world
- **Vv 2** Everlasting to Everlasting You are God

Before Creation of anything God is  
**Father/Son/Holy Spirit:** Perfect Unity/Intimate Fellowship

### Vv 3-6 Frailty of Man

**Genesis 3:19** [Moses wrote]...For dust you are, And **to dust you shall return.**

- Apart from God sustaining us we would perish immediately

**Job 34:14** If [God] should set His heart on it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, 15 **All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.**

- **Vv 7-9** You look at our sin/then at us/**we are terrified**

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we **must give account.**

- **V 10**

We have a short time to figure out this thing called life  
 IOWs If God holds things together and He is angry at our sin, then what?

**11** Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

Who can comprehend the power of your anger?  
 Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve

Moses saw men dying all around him; he lived among funerals, and was overwhelmed at the **terrible results of the divine displeasure**. He felt that none could measure the might of the Lord's wrath. [Spurgeon]

### **Only One thing can measure the might of the Lord's wrath: The Lord's Mercy**

**John 1:29** ... "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away the sin of the world!**

**God's Economy: Even in mercy justice must be upheld  
The One who showed us mercy was the One who took our wrath**

**Romans 3:26** [God demonstrates] ... at the present time His righteousness, that He might be **just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

At the cross, God demonstrated His righteousness by offering man justification (a legal verdict of "not guilty"), while remaining completely just (because the righteous penalty of sin had been paid at the cross). [Guzik]

### **We deserve God's wrath but God made a way to Mercy...**

**12 So teach us to number our days,** That we may gain a heart of wisdom. 13 Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. 14 Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! 15 Make us glad according to the days in which You have afflicted us, The years in which we have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. 17 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, **And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.**

#### ▪ **v12-16**

Let me wake up to an understanding of the brevity of this life  
To be Receptive to a heart of Wisdom...IOWs To use Gods Gifts for God's work

- Word of God
- Wisdom: Discretion/Discernment/Discipline
- Life itself
- Time
- Resources
- Love/Mercy
- Gospel etc...

### **V16 Let Your work appear to Your servants**

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which **God prepared** beforehand **that we should walk in them.**

- **v17** Doing God's work we see God's beauty

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us  
Establish the work of our hands for us...Yes establish the work of our hands

**Psalms 27:4** [David] One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To **behold the beauty of the Lord,** And to inquire in His temple.