

Psalm 86

A Prayer of David

A prayer of Meditation on the Excellencies of the Lord with request for mercy

'There can be no reason for praying if there be no expectation of the Lord's answering.'
CH Spurgeon

'A Prayer of David', the twin of Psalm 145 entitled 'A Praise of David'.

David used portions of earlier psalms and also reflects back to Exodus and Deuteronomy to describe his relationship to God, and God's unsurpassed character. It contains prayer and praise, but so directly addresses God it takes the form of a prayer. David devotes most of his attention to the character God and only a small portion of this song to his distress.

Patterns of Prayer

We observe in scripture that when the Saints prayed to God in praise or plea, for them or for others they first concentrated on the character of God in relation to His ability fulfill their petition.

When Nehemiah heard of the fate of his kin remaining in Jerusalem and the broken down walls, he addressed God by His Royal titles, then he asked that God might listen. Ch1 1,

'he wept and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, and said, I beg you, God, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with those who love him and keep his commandments: Let your ear now be attentive, and your eyes open, that you may listen to the prayer of your servant

Enrich our prayer life by using these descriptions of our God when you meditate and pray to Him.

Only wise	Rom 16:27	Glorious	Ex 15:11
Most high	Ps 83:18	Perfect	Matt 5:48
Holy	Ps 99:9	Just	Deut 32:4
True	John 17:3	Upright	Ps 25:8
Righteous	Ps 145:17	Good	Ps 25:8
Great	Ps 86:10	Gracious	Ps 116:5
Faithful	1Cor 10:13	Merciful	Ex34:6
Long-suffering	Num 14:18	Compassionate	2 King 13:23

Nature of Prayer

In basic terms prayer is asking, but because of the inequality between us and the Lord God, we must ask in accordance with His will.

Effective prayer then is done in accordance with God's will through knowledge of scripture.

The Participants to Prayer

Prayer is the cry of a SERVANT to his or her LORD.

If you are new or visiting; a special warm welcome to you. We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Today we will be having communion. If it is your practice to participate in this we welcome you to join with us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. If this is not your custom or if you are unsure of what to do please just pass the emblems (bread and wine) to the person next to you.

THE PLAN

Singing

Worship

Quick Break

Singing

Children to Sunday school

Geoffrey Stewart

This Week

Today

- Geoffrey Stewart - Psalm 86
- Japanese Christian Fellowship - 5pm

Friday

- Women's Prayer Meeting - 98 Glenross St at 11:30am
- Youth Group - Meet at the corner chapel at 6:30pm

Next Week

Sunday

- David McDowall - Psalm 86

Prayer Requests

- Pray for next weeks service
- Pray for the Youth Group
- Pray for Ruth & Hayden— Just Married!!!
- Pray for this who are unwell
- Pray for Alex And Trina. Alex's Mum has just passed away

For there to be a Lord there must be a servant. The relationship we have with God is one of service and reciprocal protection.

The Language of Prayer

Prayer is more than empty words even though often our prayers feel empty and inadequate. the language of prayer is the voice of dependency and devotion.

Vs 1 'Bow down Your ear Lord, hear me, For I am poor and needy. We express our dependence on God.

The Confidence of Prayer

Prayer is made by a servant in the confidence that God is able to respond, as the incomparable, universal, and only God, and will respond, based upon what is recorded in scripture.

The Commitment of Prayer

Prayer is not only the voice of dependency, devotion, and confidence in God, it is also a voice of Commitment.

Vs 11, he asks to be 'taught his way that he might walk in truth and that his heart might be united'

That his mind, faith and emotions be singularly focused on God, Deut 6:5

When we pray, follow the Ps 86 Pattern of Prayer

- Vs 1 Freely express our faults and our weaknesses
- Vs 2 Trust God
- Vs 3 Pray often
- Vs 4 Consider prayer as a conversation with our friend, Mat 11:19
- Vs 5 Pray for forgiveness
- Vs 6 Pray that God will show us his mercy
- Vs 7 Expect an answer
- Vs 8 Trust in God based on what's recorded in scripture
- Vs 10 Acknowledge God's greatness
- Vs 11 Pray for God to help us grow in his Spirit
- Vs 12 Spend time in worship and praise
- Vs 13 Believe in God based on past experience
- Vs 14 Acknowledge our fears
- Vs 15 Realize that God is compassionate to us
- Vs 16 When we pray, we need to believe that God will give us strength
- Vs 17 Believe that God will come to our aid when we face trouble

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Small Groups

Tuesday

- Ladies Home Group - see Laura Hannah 473-7954
- Mornington Home Group - see Jonathan Gauntlett 453-4195
- Central Home Group - see Steve Clark 479-2070
- Brockville Home Group - see Geoffrey Stewart 476-7888

Wednesday

- Pine Hill Home Group - see John Hannah 473-7954

Friday

- Halfway Bush Home Group - see Gideon Chang 476-7101

NOTICES

- 1) If you would like to receive **copies of the information** that is sent to the church and often finds its way to the foyer please email Zibi John to advise him you would like to receive this. zbjohn@gmail.com
- 2) There is a flier available promoting **Community Bible Study Courses** for small groups. If interested please contact Alan Knight.
- 3) A letter has arrived from **Focus on the Family** advertising a course on how to drug-proof your kids. Registration is due by 8 Sept, and there is a multimedia presentation at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 12 September** and a training weekend **13 - 14 September**. For further details see Alan Knight.
- 4) Caversham Chapel is having a fundraiser for **Girls & Boys Rally Camp** - a wedding gown and dessert night which will be held from 7:00pm on **September 2nd**. See Laura Hannah for tickets.

Any notices for the church newsletter should be sent to Nathan Pettigrew at shigakiwis@value.net.nz or call 473-9326 **before Thursday night!**