

Lament Dependence

Psalms of David · Book III

"A Prayer by David."

IN ONE SENTENCE



poor and needy servant asks God to bow his ear, forgive, and unite his heart to fear his name.

Remember it: Eighty-six: the great God bows his ear to the poor and needy.

MEMORY VERSE

Teach me your way, Yahweh. I will walk in your truth. Make my heart undivided to fear your name.

Psalm 86:11 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

אֶזְנוֹךָ

"your ear" · verse 1

In the Psalms: 22 times, in 21 psalms

אֶזְנָא means "ear." The servant asks God to bend down his ear, like a parent stooping to hear a small child. The verb "listen" or "give ear" in verse 6 comes from the same root. The great God of verse 10 is never too high to hear the poor and needy.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1-7 A poor servant asks God to hear, preserve, and bring joy.

8-13 No god is like the LORD; teach me and unite my heart.

14-17 Against the proud, show mercy and a sign of goodness.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 86 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/86.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Crying Out in Distress

Forgiveness & Repentance

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

A poor and _____ servant asks God to bow his ear, _____, and _____ his heart to fear his name.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. How does the psalmist describe himself in verse 1?

- ☐ (A) Rich and strong
☐ (C) Wise and old

- ☐ (B) Poor and needy
☐ (D) A mighty king

2. What does the psalmist ask God to do with his heart?

- ☐ (A) Make it undivided to fear his name
☐ (C) Make it proud

- ☐ (B) Make it hard against enemies
☐ (D) Make it rest

3. What does verse 15 say God is slow to?

- ☐ (A) Answer
☐ (C) Speak

- ☐ (B) Forgive
☐ (D) Anger

TALK IT OVER

1. What reasons does the psalmist give for why God should answer him?

2. Verse 15 echoes God's words to Moses in Exodus 34:6. What do we learn about God's character?

3. What divides your heart, and how could you pray verse 11 honestly this week?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 86 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say verse 11 by heart

- ☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I know the picture word

Answers: Blanks: needy · unite · forgive · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. A (v. 11) · 3. D (v. 15)