Psalm 86

David's Plea to Sovereign Yahweh Elohim Adonai to Continue to Rescue Him from His Enemies

A Prayer of David.


A1 DAVID'S URGENT 1 PLEA TO YAHWEH ELOHIM ADONAI FOR PRESERVATION BASED ON HIS FORGIVING LOYAL LOVE 86:1-5

B1 His Urging Yahweh to Listen and Answer 86:1

C1 His Plea: {1} Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me;

C2 His Reason – Great Need: For I am afflicted and needy.

B2 His Urging Elohim to Preserve and Save Him 86:2

C1 Preservation

D1 His plea: {2} Preserve my soul,

D2 His reason – his godliness: for I am a godly man;

C2 Salvation

D1 His plea: O You my God, save

D2 His reason – he is Elohim's trusting servant: Your servant who trusts in You.

B3 His Urging Adonai to be Gracious to Him 86:3

C1 His Plea: {3} Be gracious to me, O Lord,

C2 His Reason – Continual Cry: For to You I cry all day long.

B4 His Urging Adonai to Cause Him to be Joyful 86:4

C1 His Plea: {4} Make glad the soul

C2 His Reasons

D1 He is Adonai's servant: of Your servant,

D2 It is to Adonai he lifts up his soul: For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 Urgent - 86:1-5 Subtitle: The six verbs in bold font (emphasis added) are all imperatives!
The Basis on Which He Expects Adonai to Respond Favorably to His Pleas 86:5

C1 His Goodness: {5} For You, Lord, are good,
C2 His Readiness to Forgive: and ready to forgive,
C3 His Abundant Loyal Love: And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

DAVID'S REQUEST TO YAHWEH ADONAI FOR AUDIENCE BASED ON HIS INCOMPARABLE SOVEREIGNTY 86:6-10

His Plea to Yahweh to Listen 86:6

C1 {6} Give ear,2 O LORD, to my prayer;
C2 And give heed to the voice of my supplications!

His Resolve to Pray Because Yahweh Will Answer 86:7

C1 His Resolve: {7} In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You,
C2 His Assurance: For You will answer me.

His Affirmation of Adonai's Incomparable Supremacy 86:8

C1 His Incomparable Essence: {8} There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord,3
C2 His Incomparable Works: Nor are there any works like Yours.

His Assurance of Adonai Elohim's Incomparable Sovereignty 86:9-10

C1 Adonai's Sovereignty Reflected in Unanimous International Worship 86:9
D1 {9} All nations whom You have made shall come and worship4 before You, O Lord,
D2 And they shall glorify Your name.

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2 86:6 - give ear ... and give heed: Both verbs are imperatives, and mark the beginning of the next paragraph. Emphasis is added with bold font, here, and throughout the psalm.
3 86:8 - Lord: God's incomparable greatness and sovereignty is stressed in this psalm by David's repeated use of the name Adonai (86:3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15) (see comment by Allen P. Ross, TBKC).
4 86:9 - all nations ... worship ... glorify: The first fulfillment will be during Christ's Millennial Kingdom (Zech 14:9, 14). This prophecy will ultimately be fulfilled in the New Jerusalem in the New Heavens and Earth (Rev 21-22).
C2  Elohim's Incomparability Reflected in His Mighty Acts 86:10
    D1  His greatness reflected in His miracles:  {10} For You are great and
do wondrous deeds;
    D2  His incomparability reflected in His supreme essence:  You alone
are God.

A3  DAVID'S CONVICTION OF HIS OWN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH
    YAHWEH ADONAI ELOHIM 86:11-13
    B1  His Urgent ⁵ Plea for Yahweh to Teach Him His Way and Cause Him to Fear
        Him 86:11
        C1  His Urgent Plea for Instruction:  {11} Teach me Your way, O LORD;
        C2  His Resolve to Obey:  I will walk in Your truth;
        C3  His Urgent Plea to be Made God-Fearing:  Unite my heart to fear Your
name.
    B2  His Resolve to Thank and Praise Adonai, His Elohim Forever Because of His
        Loyal Love and Deliverance 86:12-13
        C1  His Resolve of Heartfelt Thanks:  {12} I will give thanks to You, O Lord
my God, with all my heart,  86:12a
        C2  His Resolve of Praise:  And will glorify Your name forever.  86:12b
        C3  His Reasons for His Thanks and Praise 86:13
            D1  His great loyal love for him:  {13} For Your lovingkindness toward
me is great,
            D2  His having delivered him from death:  And You have delivered my
soul from the depths of Sheol.

A4  DAVID'S PLEA TO ELOHIM ADONAI YAHWEH TO RESCUE HIM FROM
    HIS ENEMIES 86:14-17
    B1  His Identification to Elohim of His Enemies Seeking His Life 86:14
        C1  Arrogant Men:  {14} O God, arrogant men have risen up against me,
        C2  Violent Men:  And a band of violent men have sought my life,
        C3  Godless Men:  And they have not set You before them.

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⁵ 86:11 Subtitle - Urgent: David's urgency is again shown by his use of the imperative twice in this verse - teach me
and unite, both with bold emphasis added.
B2 His Praise of Adonai Elohim's Sterling Character 86:15

C1 \{15\} But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
C2 Slow to anger
C3 and abundant in lovingkindness (loyal love) and truth.

B3 His Urgent 6 Plea to Yahweh for Rescue 86:16-17

C1 His Pleas 86:16-17a

D1 \{16\} Turn to me,
D2 and be gracious to me;
D3 Oh grant Your strength to Your servant,
D4 And save the son of Your handmaid.
D5 \{17\} Show me a sign for good,

C2 His Reason 86:17b

D1 Shame upon his adversaries: That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,
D2 Prompted by Yahweh's help and comfort: Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

6 86:16-17 Subtitle - Urgent: David's urgency is indicated in his use of five imperatives (bold font emphasis added), commanding, as it were, God to act on his behalf!
### Psalm 86 Paragraph Breakdowns

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