

1 Samuel 22:1-2  
30:1-10  
Ask David someday?

Perseids

A repeating pattern of calling on God for help, and confessing who God is and what he is like

# Psalm 86

- Teaches us much about God and much about life

## A PRAYER OF DAVID.

1 Incline your ear, O Yahweh, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

Matthew 5:3

Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

? nice thing about Hebrew poetry - next line explains this

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

was he a "cry baby"? Hardly!  
"whiner"

Gladden the soul of your servant,

for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

How does he know this?  
Ex. 34:6

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Yahweh, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

contrast with mercy / not in the Hebrew?

7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

for you answer me.

? What does the answer look or sound like?  
Confidence!! Is this normative? See verse 17

8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.

men → gods

All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.

Gen. 12:1-3  
Rev 5:6-14  
7:9-12

God → men

King of kings → F.F. Bruce "Feat..."

Acts 14:8-13  
Ev. 15:11  
Is. 44:9-20  
Ps 100:3

For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

Infinitely great!

11 Teach me your way, O Yahweh,

Amazing! God is accessible to us!

that I may walk in your truth;

Jesus - I am the way, the truth, & the life

unite my heart to fear your name.

"give thanks" for what? See next verse -

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.

(now united heart)

13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

God's actions in the past = hope in God's actions in the future

Job 14:1  
Psalm 34:19  
90:10,15  
Trouble/Aversity  
in General

focusing on God and  
rising above life's troubles  
personal application of

? insultingly contemptuous  
? Proud  
overbearing

14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.

← Compare "insolent men"  
with God ↓

|| But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Ex. 34:6

Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.

How? Manifests an who God is  
and what he is like = his  
attributes

17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
because you, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

the sign?

Specific trouble

If Psalm 86 was the only scripture we had, we could still learn much about God and ourselves!

General principle from vv 14-17? God is our help and comfort in any trial or adversity

