

# Psalms 86

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## Great Is Your Steadfast Love

- 1** Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.
- 2** Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
- 3** Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
- 4** Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5** For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
  
- 6** Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7** In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.
- 8** Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.
- 9** All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.
- 10** For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.
  
- 11** Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

**12** I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

**13** For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

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**14** O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

**15** But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

**16** O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

**17** Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **God** — אלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### **Lord** — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### **Love** — אהָבָה / חֶסֶד (Ahavah / Chesed)

Love / Loyal-love

Hebrew uses **ahavah** (אהָבָה) for love generally, but the covenant term **chesed** (חֶסֶד) describes God's steadfast, loyal love—faithful covenant commitment beyond mere emotion.

### **Mercy** — רְחַמִּים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רְחַמִּים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

**Salvation** — יְשֻׁעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשֻׁעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

**Truth** — תְּהֻמָּה (Emet)

Truth, faithfulness

The Hebrew **emet** (תְּהֻמָּה) means truth or faithfulness—reliability and conformity to reality. God is true (emet), utterly faithful to His word and character.

**Save** — יָשַׁע (Yasha)

To save, deliver, rescue

The Hebrew **yasha** (יָשַׁע) means to save or deliver—rescue from danger or distress. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.' God alone is Savior: 'I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour' (Isaiah 43:11).

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Psalms 86:1** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:6; 31:2; Daniel 9:18; Matthew 5:3; James 2:5.

**References Lord:** Psalms 34:6; 40:17; Isaiah 37:17; 66:2; Luke 4:18

**Psalms 86:2** **References God:** Psalms 4:3. **Faith:** Psalms 25:2. **Holy:** John 17:11

### Psalms 86:3

**Grace:** Psalms 4:1; 56:1; 57:1. **References Lord:** Psalms 88:9. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:5; 55:17; Luke 2:37; 18:7; Ephesians 6:18

**Psalms 86:4** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 51:12; 62:8; 143:8. **References Lord:** Psalms 25:1; Isaiah 61:3

**Psalms 86:5** **Grace:** Psalms 86:15; 103:8; 130:7; Exodus 34:6; Nehemiah 9:17; Joel 2:13.

**Good:** Psalms 25:8; 119:68. **References Lord:** Psalms 145:18; Acts 2:21

**Psalms 86:6** **References Lord:** Psalms 130:2. **Prayer:** Psalms 17:1

**Psalms 86:7** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:6; 18:6; 50:15; 91:15; 142:1; 142:3; Isaiah 26:16; Jonah 2:2; Hebrews 5:7

**Psalms 86:8** **References God:** Psalms 89:8; Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 3:24; 4:34; Isaiah 40:18; Daniel 3:29. **References Lord:** Psalms 89:6; Jeremiah 10:16. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 136:4; Isaiah 40:25

**Psalms 86:9** **Creation:** Psalms 102:18; Isaiah 43:7; Revelation 15:4. **Worship:** Psalms 66:4; Isaiah 66:23. **References Lord:** Psalms 102:15; Isaiah 11:9; 59:19; Revelation 11:15. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 72:19

## Psalms 86:10

**References God:** Psalms 72:18; 86:8; Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 32:39; Isaiah 37:16; 37:20; Mark 12:29; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Ephesians 4:6. **Parallel theme:** Acts 4:30

## Psalms 86:11

**References Lord:** Psalms 5:8; 25:12; 27:11; 119:33; Colossians 3:17. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 119:73; Job 34:32. **Truth:** Psalms 26:3; Ephesians 4:21; 2 John 1:4

**Psalms 86:12** **References God:** Deuteronomy 6:5; Romans 15:6; 1 Corinthians 6:20.

**References Lord:** Ephesians 5:19

**Psalms 86:13** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:10; 30:3; 56:13; 88:6; 116:8; Job 33:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:10. **Grace:** Psalms 57:10; Job 33:24; Luke 1:58

**Psalms 86:14** **Resurrection:** Psalms 54:3

**Psalms 86:15** **Grace:** Psalms 85:10; 86:5; 103:8; 111:4; 130:7; 145:8; Nehemiah 9:17; Joel 2:13; Micah 7:18; Ephesians 1:7

## Psalms 86:16

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:16; 84:5; 90:13; 116:16; Ephesians 6:10; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11. **Grace:** Psalms 25:16; 119:132. **Salvation:** Psalms 119:94

**Psalms 86:17** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 74:9; 109:29; Judges 6:17. **References Lord:** Psalms 40:1; Isaiah 38:22; 1 Corinthians 5:5