

Psalm 86:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart (אָזַב אָדָּנִי אֱלֹהִי בְּכָל־לְבָבִי) — Yadah means praise, give thanks; be-khol-levavi means with all my heart. **And I will glorify thy name for evermore** (וְאַהֲבָדָה שִׁמְךָ לְעוֹלָם) — Kabad means glorify, honor, give weight to; le-olam means forever, eternally.

Psalm 86 is David's prayer in distress (vv. 1-7), moving to confident praise (vv. 8-13), back to petition (vv. 14-16), ending with assurance (v. 17). This verse marks the transition from petition to praise. Despite ongoing trouble, David commits to wholehearted worship forever. The dual divine names (Adonai Elohai) emphasize both lordship and personal relationship.

Historical Context

David faced constant threats throughout his reign—from Saul, Absalom, surrounding nations, and internal conspiracies. This psalm reflects his learning to praise God not after deliverance, but during distress. Early Christians adopted this pattern, singing hymns in prison (Acts 16:25).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith

1 John 4:8 – God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does it look like to praise God "with all your heart" rather than half-heartedly?
2. How can you commit to glorifying God's name "forever" even when current circumstances are difficult?
3. Why does David transition to praise in the middle of a distress prayer, before resolution?

Interlinear Text

אָזְבָּה	לְבָבِ	אָזְבָּה	בְּכָל	אָזְבָּה	אָזְבָּה	אָזְבָּה
I will praise	thee O Lord	my God	H3605	with all my heart	and I will glorify	
H3034	H136	H430		H3824		H3513

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 6:5 (References God): And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Romans 15:6 (References God): That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:20 (References God): For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ephesians 5:19 (References Lord): Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

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