

Hear, O Lord, and Answer Me!
Psalm 86:1

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1. Psalm 86 is the heart-cry of a person in trouble, crying out to God for help. There are times in life when trouble seems so distant. And then there are times when trouble is right now.
2. Psalm 86 has the psalmist talking to God. Life had crowded in around him.
3. Let me share with you this prayer of David. It shows you how to view life realistically.

I. This Prayer Shows Us How To View Ourselves. (86:1-3)

- A. When you get into a difficult situation and turn to God in prayer, do you stop to consider yourself?
- B. First observation about self: **“I am poor and needy.” (86:1)**
- C. Second observation about self: **“I am devoted.” (86:2)**

II. This Prayer Tells Us How To View God. (86:6-10)

- A. Have you ever taken the time to consider the nature of your Helper?
- B. First observation about God: Our God can hear us. **(86:7)**
- C. Second observation about God: Our God is a personal God. **(86:7)**
 1. **(Phil. 1:3-4; Phil. 4:19).**
- D. Third observation about God: Our God is unique among all gods. **(86:8-10)**
- E. Fourth observation about God: His love is steadfast. **(86:13)**

III. This Prayer Shows Me How To View My Problems. (86:11-13)

- A. I see no promise in the Scripture that you will be free from trouble.
 1. **(John 16:33; Job 5:7).**
- B. There is a second dimension to his problem. His life is in danger. **(86:14)**

IV. This Prayer Shows Me The Intermix Of Self, God, And My Problems.

- A. Action one: He says he will learn. **(86:11)**
- B. Action two: He says he will thank God. **(86:12-13)**
- C. Action three: He says he will trust. **(86:16-17)**