

Part 3 – None Like the Lord, Yehovah

In part 2 we learned more about how to humbly call upon the Lord (YHVH) for help. David asked God to be merciful (kind) to him because he truly prayed to Him – and to Him alone – each day. David pointed out (again) that He was the Lord’s servant and he ‘lifted up’ his soul to Him, which means he put his trust in God and looked to him (alone) for help. In other words, David did not worship false gods or idols; he was truly in a covenantal relationship with the Lord (YHVH). And he therefore asked God to make his soul rejoice (brighten up) by giving him peace, comfort and strength to get through his troubling times. And David then showed he really knew the Scriptures well. For he drew upon the account where God Himself described some of His characteristics to give God a reason to hear his prayer! Indeed, God is good and ready (wants to) to forgive us when we are ready (sincere) to repent. And He’s also plenteous in mercy to all those who sincerely call upon (pray to) Him, and Him *only*. Our Heavenly Father is truly the one who created our soul and spirit (Ezek 18:4, Rev 4:11, Gen 1:1); and He therefore deserves our sincere faith, love, trust and obedience. No one else deserves *that*, even though we are to love others according to the way God’s Word tells us to. So, we’ve learned quite a bit about how to call upon the Lord (in truth) in the first part of this lovely prayer of David; let’s see what else he has to say to the Lord (YHVH)...

Psalms 86

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

The words ‘**give ear**’ here mean **to broaden out the ear** (with the hand) and, (by implication) means **to listen** (#238). And the word ‘**prayer**’ here is the *exact* same Hebrew word that was in the title. So, it means **intercession** or **supplication** and, by implication, **a hymn** (#8605). And then the word ‘*attend*’ means **to prick up the ears**, i.e. **to hearken** (#7181) while the word ‘**voice**’ can actually mean **to call aloud** or a **sound**, as well as **voice** (#6963). And then the word ‘**supplications**’ means **an earnest prayer** (#8469). So, David is continuing to ask the ‘**Lord**’ (**Yehovah**, #3068) to hear, *and* answer, his prayer. And, while it might seem a bit redundant for him to do so, Paul taught us to: *Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing*. And, *in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you* (1 Thess 5:16-18). The Greek word rendered as ‘**ceasing**’ here means **uninterruptedly (repeatedly)**, i.e. **without omission** (on an appropriate occasion) (#89). And Jesus also taught us that *men ought always to pray, and not to faint* (Luke 18:1); for while God may take a while to respond, He will avenge us *speedily when the time is right* (Luke 18:7-8). The word ‘**faint**’ here means **to be weak** or **to fail in heart** (#1573). So, we shouldn’t give up praying to Him just because He has not *seemed* to answer our prayers yet. As we learned in the prior studies, we should continue to pray to Him (ask), seek answers via His Word (seek) and ‘knock’ on His heart by praying openly, honestly and frankly (knock) with Him (Mth 7:7). For Jesus promised that *every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened* (Matt 7:8). So, perhaps it is not

time for an answer; and truly, learning to endure hard times is good for us. It strengthens our resolve to ‘ask, seek, knock’ and *teaches us patience*. As Paul reminds us in Heb 10:36, we must be *patient* for God’s promises *because* we only receive them *after* we’ve done the ‘will of God’ (i.e. served Him faithfully). Or, *perhaps* He IS answering your prayers and you just don’t realize it! So, it’s not really redundant for David to ask God to hear his sincere prayer *again*. For truly, he’s doing so because he’s going to now begin a new ‘phrase’ in his prayer, where he will praise the Lord, which is indeed one of the *spiritual* ‘sacrifices’ that He truly desires (Ps 54:6, Ps 141:2, Jer 17:26, 33:11) ...

Psalm 86

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

David is *again* confirming that the Lord (YHVH) is the *only* God he ‘calls upon’ (#7121) for help, especially when he’s in trouble. And he also affirms he’s *sure* the Lord (YHVH) *will* ‘answer’ him; meaning, respond to his prayer (#6030) and give him the help he so desperately needs. And why could David be so assured of this? As Ps 66:18 says if we see iniquity (#205 wickedness, even idols) in our heart then the Lord (YHVH) *won’t* hear (answer) our prayers. While he’ll likely hear them (for He sees all that’s going on in the hearts and minds of His children, good and bad alike, Ps 11:4), he *only* helps those who fear, love, serve and trust in Him. All of which David was sincerely trying to do, at this time in his life. But, it’s always good for us – when we are really needing an answer – to check our heart (desires, emotions, intentions, motivations) and mind (thoughts) to *make sure* we’re not holding on to any iniquities (wickedness and/or idols). For, that’s always a reason an answer from the Lord could not be coming. But, if we’ve done this - and are *assured* our heart is right with Him - then again, as Jesus said in Lk 18, we shouldn’t faint (get weak) in our prayers. For God *does* hear us and He *will* answer when the time is right. After all, God allowed David to be chased by Saul in the wilderness *for years*. And that only ended when Saul died. And all those years of running from Saul (who was literally trying to kill David) really helped to mold David into the kind of man who would be a good king. It gave him experience calling upon, trusting in and striving to obey God – in face of terrible dangers and tribulations (Rom 5:3-5). It was a true test of his character. And *because* he ‘passed’ that test, after Saul died, the Lord made David king of the tribe of Judah; and then (several years later) king of all of Israel. So, blessings *will* come if you keep your heart and mind right with the Lord (YHVH) *and* continue to serve Him *despite* the hard times that will surely come (2 Tim 3:12) ...

Psalm 86

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

So now, David begins to praise the Lord (which again is really Yehovah, #3068, even though the Strong's Concordances shows it as #136; see apx 32). And he starts off by saying that 'among the gods' there is none like Him. Now, the word 'gods' here is the Hebrew word '**Elohiym** (#430), which means the **Supreme God**. But, it *also* can be used as **gods in the ordinary sense** or even of **magistrates** (judges) of the earth. We learned a lot about this back when studying Psalms 82 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/1000]. And what David is really saying here is that: while many people worship false gods (who did not create the heaven and earth), they are *nothing* compared to the Lord (YHVH) *because* He DID create heaven and earth, *and everything* within them. As Ps 96:4-5 so well says: *For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.*

So truly, there is only ONE **Supreme God** in all heaven and earth and that's because He is our Creator. That's why '**Elohiym** (#430) is often used in the Psalms to speak of our Heavenly Father. And truly, it's the most often Hebrew word rendered as 'God' used in the Scriptures. In Gen 1:1 we're told that "*In the beginning **God** created the Heaven and the earth*". The word 'God' here is '**Elohiym** (#430). And in Ex 20:2-3, when the Lord HIMSELF said: "*I am the LORD thy **God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other **gods** before me*" ... the word 'God' and 'gods' here are both '**Elohiym** (#430). And this came out of the Lord's (YHVH) own mouth. So, it is clearly ok to use '**Elohiym** (#430) when referring to our Heavenly Father (Yehovah = YHVH) *because* He used this term to refer to Himself as well. But we've got to remember, *it's also a word used to refer to false gods*, as well as to magistrates or even rulers; as in Psalms 82, Ex 7:1 and Ex 22:28. And, of course, Moses confirmed that the Lord (YHVH) our God ('**Elohiym**) is one Lord, and that we should love Him (and Him *only*, Deut 6:13-14) with all our heart, soul and might (Deut 6:4-5), which Jesus also confirmed (Mark 12:29-30; Matt 4:8-10).

Now (back to Ps 86:8) after David proclaimed that there were no other 'gods' (false gods nor even rulers/magistrates) like unto Him, he then says that *neither are there any works like unto thy works*. The *first* word rendered 'works' isn't even in the original manuscripts; it was added by the translators for 'better readability' (#9999). But, the second word '**works**' means **an action** (good or bad); generally, **a transaction**; abstractly, **activity**; by implication, **a product** (specifically, a poem) or (generally) **property** (4639). Moffett renders this verse as: "*There is no god like unto thee, O Lord, there are no deeds like thine*". And how true that is!!! As Moses and Israel sang after the Lord (YHVH) delivered them from the Egyptian army (and bondage): **Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?** (Ex 15:11). They had just seen awesome miracles by our Heavenly Father. And the term 'who is like unto thee' was a figure of speech back then which was simply a way to give ultimate praise unto the Lord (YHVH). This idiom is used in several other Scriptures praising God (Ps 35:10, Ps 71:19, Ps 113:5-6). And, Deut 3:24 also says that: *O Lord GOD, thou hast*

*begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for **what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?** As dear Hannah also declared: *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God* (1 Sam 2:2).*

Indeed, there are no other ‘gods’ (rulers or judges) in heaven, or earth, like our Heavenly Father. And that’s because He has *always* existed and *always will* exist; which is what His Sacred name, Yehovah (#3068) means. That’s why Jesus Christ said: *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty* (Rev 1:8). In Isa 40:25-26, the Lord asks: *To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.* And in Isa 42:5 He declared that He *created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein.* And in Isa 43:10 He said: *before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.* And in verse 11 He said: *I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.* And Isa 45:18 says that *God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: and then the Lord said: I am the LORD; and **there is none else.*** And then in verse 21-22 He again stated: *and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else.*** And that’s not all. Many other Scriptures declare that the Lord (YHVH) is the only true God *because* He created the heaven and earth and all that’s in them (Gen 1:1, Ps 96:4-5; 148:1-6, John 1:1-3, Acts 4:24; 14:15, Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Rev 4:11; Rev 14:7).

So, there really is *no one else* like the Lord, Yehovah. He’s our Creator, the Supreme God and our only way to Salvation [<https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/460>]. Therefore, His works are indeed mightier than anyone else’s. And there are also many other wonderful works we can speak of (aside from His creation), which *are* written. One only has to look at how God (with great power) freed Israel from bondage (with mighty works) and brought them into the Promise Land (again, with mighty works). And how He kept His promise to bring forth the Messiah (Jesus Christ), which saves us from our sins (again with mighty works). How He ‘*added to the church daily such as should be saved*’ (Acts 2:47) and truly, how He continues to do so! How much more could we go on to speak of the *many mighty* works the Lord (YHVH) performed when saving Israel from their enemies (once they repented) and the *many mighty* miracles (healings, raising people from the dead, etc.) that He did in the Old Testament *and* in the New Testament through Jesus Christ and the apostles. As David said in Ps 40:5: *Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.* So, there’s *so many* ‘wonderful works of God’ that they *cannot be*

numbered and it would take far longer than we have time for in this study to speak of. The word ‘reckoned’ is also interesting because it means *to set in a row*, i.e. *arrange, put in order* (#6186). So, if you wrote them all down in a long list, you’d lose count trying to count all of God’s wonderful works! As John said, at the end of the Gospel he wrote: *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written* (John 21:25).

And lastly, it’s really quite vital to know who the Lord (YHVH) really is, as well as to know Jesus Christ. And this is for several reasons. First off, Jesus told us that *this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent* (John 17:3). So, **if** we want eternal life, we **must** know the true God and the true Jesus Christ... which brings us to the second point. The reason we *must* know the true God – and the true Jesus Christ – is because there is a false ‘god’ who will come claiming to be the false ‘Christ’ who will ‘save the world’. This of course, is the antichrist [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>] who is truly none other than Satan himself. We’re warned of this in Daniel 9, 2 Thess 2 and Rev 12-13 (among other Scriptures). As Rev 12:12 warns: *Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time*. Paul also warns us, in 2 Thess 2:3-4, that Jesus’ return *shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God*. So, Satan will only have a short time on earth (thank God) to deceive the world into worshiping him and his wicked ‘beast’ governing system. Yet, despite his shortened time (Mth 24:21-27) he’ll still be pretty darn successful at deceiving most of the world into worshiping him. For, as Rev 13:13-14 says: *he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast*. But, even though Satan will be able to do ‘great wonders’ (#4592 miracles) they are still nothing compared to our Heavenly Father. But many will be deceived by Satan because *they don’t know the true God nor the true Jesus Christ*. If you want to learn more about how not to be deceived by Satan and his fallen angels (or even your own pastor), check out the following special studies...

Do Not Be Deceived <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/235>

How Can Satan Deceive the Whole World <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>

The Apostasy – Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>

The Apostasy – Part 2 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>

The Apostasy – Part 3 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/501>

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

Yet again the word ‘**Lord**’ in this verse shows as ‘*Adonay*’ (#136) in the *Strong’s Concordance*, but it’s really God’s Sacred Name, **Yehovah** (#3068), which is also His ‘covenant name’. And the word ‘**nations**’ here is the Hebrew word **gowy** (#1471) and it specifically means **a foreign nation**; hence, **a *Gentile***. Also important to understand is that the word ‘**worship**’ means to **depress**, i.e. **prostrate** (especially reflexive, **in homage to royalty or God**) (#7812). And also, the word ‘**glorify**’ here means **to be heavy**, which can be in a good or bad sense. Here, it’s used in a *good* sense: as in **numerous, rich, honorable**. And it can also mean to **make weighty** (in the same two senses) (#3513). And the word ‘**name**’ not only means **an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality** but, by implication, it also means **honor, authority**, and **character** (#8034).

So, after David proclaimed that there are no other gods like the Lord (YHVH) – and no works mightier than His, as well – he points out that the *result* of God’s omnipotence is... complete and total submission to Him, by all His creation... it’s coming folks! Of course, that time will *only* occur when Jesus Christ (the *true* one) finally returns (which is *after* the antichrist, Satan, comes). And, as the Lord (YHVH) Himself swore: *as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD* (Num 14:21). Again, this will *only* be fulfilled when the true Jesus Christ returns to earth, *in the clouds of heaven **with power and great glory*** (Matt 24:30). And then, as the Lord (YHVH) said another time He swore ‘by Himself’ (which is an oath you can *absolutely* count on, Heb 6:17-18) ...

*23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear**.*

24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

Isa 45:23-25

So, when the true Jesus Christ returns, every knee *will* bow to Him and every tongue will swear (confess) that He *alone* is the King of kings and Lord of lords. And notice how God promised this would happen by swearing by Himself it would happen. That means there is no question about it; this **will** happen! And verse 23 was quoted by Paul, several times. Once in his letter to the Romans, as it is written: *As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God* (Rom 14:11-12). Note how Paul pointed out what happens **after** every knee bows to Jesus Christ and all are forced to confess He really is the King of kings and Lord of lords... *every one of us shall give account of himself to God*. Paul pointed this out again, in 2 Cor 5:10, when he declared that

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. And this is different than the ‘Great White Throne Judgment’ that happens after Jesus rules for a thousand years (Rev 20:11-15). So, the ‘judgement seat of Christ’ will be kind of a preliminary judgment for all people. That means no one will be condemned to death at Christ’s judgment (although Satan and the fallen angels *already are*; Ezek 28, Rev 20, Jude). But all people will judged according to what they did while in the flesh, be it good or bad. So, justice will be served. And then the final judgment will be at the end of Christ’s thousand years of ruling (the Millennium) in which the fate of those who did not make the first resurrection will be decided; i.e. whether they’ll be blotted out (and cease to exist at all) or allowed to live (Rev 20). But Paul also quoted Isa 45:23 (above) in his letter to the Phillipians...

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil 2:5-11

So, indeed, all heathen nations *will* come and worship (bow down) before the Lord (Jesus Christ) *and* glorify His name *because* they’ll be forced to bow down to Him and confess, He’s King of kings above all in heaven *and* earth. The judgment of Christ is also spoken about in Isaiah 66, and in verse 18 God again says that: *I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.* And in verses 15-16 He also promises: *behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.* So, the judgment seat of Christ won’t come until after the ‘day of vengeance’ is fulfilled, which is when Jesus pours out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ upon all those who *know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ* (2 Thess 1:8) *because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved* (2 Thess 2:10) *but had pleasure in unrighteousness* (2 Thess 2:12). You can learn more about this ‘cup’ in the following studies...

The Cup of the Lord <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/2188>

Remove This Wrath <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/484>

Jesus' Agony Over 'the Cup' <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/1215>

But it's important to remember that the 'cup of wrath' is *only* poured out upon all those who are rebellious to God. As He said in Isa 66:5, those who love and serve God (and are persecuted by others for doing so) will have *great* joy when Jesus Christ returns... while the rebels will be *greatly* ashamed. In 2 Thess 1:10, Paul also points this out, when he wrote that Jesus Christ will be *glorified in His saints and admired of all them that believe in* (and faithfully obey) *the Gospel of Jesus Christ*. And of course, after the 'cup of wrath' is poured out and the 'judgment seat of Christ' is finished, then peace will flow like a river (Is 66:12). As Isaiah also prophesied...

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Isa 2:2-5

So, all nations (including Israel, as well as all other nations) will be submissive to Jesus Christ when He returns. And He will 'right every wrong' and install His righteous government (the Body of Christ) to rule *with Him* during the Millennium (Rev 20:4-6, Rom 8:13-18). Perhaps you can see now why this Psalm is also prophetic as well as historical. For when David was raised to be king of Israel (and then his son Solomon) all the surrounding nations were made submissive to Israel. And many did glorify God's name (i.e. even the queen of Sheba). But, on a much grander and complete scale, the earth will be fully submissive to Jesus Christ when he returns. And David is pointing this out, in his humble petition to the Lord, to declare to God his understanding His promises. He knows that the Lord (YHWH) is the *one and only true* God who controls all things in heaven and on earth. And he also knew there was a time coming when His Laws would be perfectly implemented by David's 'greater son' Jesus Christ (as God promised him in 2 Sam 7).

And what this teaches us is that: even when we are enduring great trials and tribulations (as David was when he wrote this Psalm), *it's good for us to remember history as well as prophesy*. For God has given many promises in His Word; both to the rebellious as well as the faithful! And

if we ‘stick with Him’ and do *not* bow a knee (physically nor spiritually) to false gods or idols (such as the antichrist, who is Satan - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>) then we’ll be heard (and helped) by our Heavenly Father *no matter how hard times get*. But we *must not* forget that the way to ‘claim’ God’s promises is to *do our part to obey His Word*. For, only those who actually **obey** Him (from the heart) **will obtain** the blessings and promises He has so graciously given us (Mth 5:19). As it is written, *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him* (1 Cor 2:9, Isa 64:4). But God *hath* revealed them unto us *by his Spirit*: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God (1 Cor 2:10). So, we now can know many of the great things that will come to those who obey God (and Jesus Christ) faithfully because the Holy Spirit helps us to understand God’s promise, which are written in the Old Testament (John 14:15-18, 15:26, 16:13). And it therefore behooves us to continue to study God’s Word sincerely (2 Tim 2:15) for that is what enlightens (and cleanses) our inner man (heart and mind) so we not only *know how* to obey our Heavenly Father (i.e. claim His promises), but His Word (and Holy Spirit) also strengthens us to actually *be able to obey* Him, *sincerely*. And, as it is written...

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:12

We’ll pick this up in part 4...

AMEN.