

# Notes & Quotes – March 22, 2009

## Psalm 86

Psalm 86 – Prayer of Request

➤ **That we ask...**

Our conversational relationship with God is not just “asking” but it includes “asking.”

*Matthew 7:7-11*

*7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

➤ **What we ask...**

- *Guard my life (v. 2)*
- *Have mercy on me (v. 3)*
- *Bring joy to your servant (v. 4)*
- *Teach me your way (v. 11)*
- *give me an undivided heart (v. 11)*
- *Turn to me (v. 16)*
- *grant your strength (v. 16)*
- *save the son of your maidservant (v. 16)...save your faithful son*
- *Give me a sign of your goodness (v. 17)*

There's an asking/requesting component that's on-the-go, and there's an asking/requesting component in stillness.

Sunday	Psalm 92
Monday	Psalm 1
Tuesday	Psalm 23
Wednesday	Psalm 84
Thursday	Psalm 65
Friday	Psalm 63
Saturday	Psalm 86

Parenting – *Luke 1:11-18*

Suffering – *Habakkuk 3:17-19*

Missionaries – *Acts 4:23-31*

Money – *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

Worry – *Matthew 6:25-34*

Marriage – *Ephesians 5:21-33*

Neighborhood – *Luke 10:25-27*

Guidance – *Colossians 1:9-14*

“Burst prayers undergird something longer, deeper and more profound or they are of little value. Why? Does God time our prayers and answer only those long enough to deserve serious attention? Or is it because in our prayer God works on us as well as those we pray for? If God means to work on us in our prayers, that is, if the divine-human relationship developed in prayer is part of the point of prayer, then it ought to be obvious that prayer for our tangled, defeated relationships...will require marathonic prayers. If praying for a brother or sister in Christ will change us – during the very act of prayer – then such prayer must be frustrating enough to make us dissatisfied with all our previous solutions – the self-heroic, self-satisfying solutions. This prayer must be theological enough to allow us to pray correctly – which means that we will need to repeat ourselves many times until we get it right.” – David Hansen

➤ **How we ask...**

How David speaks is directly shaped by the One to whom He is speaking.

*V. 8, Among the gods there is none like you O Lord...v. 10, you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God* – hence the posture of a servant (v. 2), and a healthy reverence (v. 11), and an attitude of worship (v. 12)

*V. 5, you are forgiving and good, abounding in love...v. 13, great is your love toward me...v. 15, you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God* – hence I call out to you and you answer me (v. 7), I look to you for deliverance (v. 13), I trust you for mercy, strength, help and comfort (v. 16-17)

Psalms' attitudes...

- **worshipful-honesty** = *worshipful* in their consistent God-exaltedness, *honest* in the raw emotions of life
- **reverent-expectation** = *reverent* in the respect with which they approach the King of kings, *expectation* in that they believe God can and will intervene in the everydayness of their lives
- **confident-surrender** = *confident* that God will accomplish His purposes in this world, *surrender* in a “not my will but Yours be done” attitude

“Our souls are like that well. If we do not draw on the living water that Jesus promised would well up in us like a spring (John 7), our hearts close and dry up...The consequences for not drinking deeply of God is to eventually lose the ability to drink at all. Prayerlessness is its own punishment, both its disease and its cause. That’s the deeper meaning of the terminal fatigue that marks our lives.” – John Sanford