

Psalm 86 A prayer of David. NIVUK (v11a adapted to ESV)

¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do marvellous deeds;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name for ever.

¹³ For great is your love towards me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me –
they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength on behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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Discussion Question: What do you notice about this Psalm?

1) The beauty of an undivided heart

- it isn't shared by others

- it isn't controlled by others

Discussion Question: What/who do you share your heart with?

2) The gift of an undivided heart

- in answer to prayer

- an outworking of his greatness and grace

*Discussion Question: Why would grasping God's greatness and grace win more of your heart?
So how will you meditate on these things this week?*

Other verses on wholeheartedness...

- **Deut 6:4,5**
- **Jer 32:39**
- **Mt 6:19-34**
- **James 1:8 and 4:8**
- **1 Kings 18:21**

Other Psalms on the Love of God...

- **Psalm 17:7**
- **Psalm 23:6**
- **Psalm 57:10**
- **Psalm 66:20**
- **Psalm 90:14**