**Psalm 84-86**

Psalm 84

**For the director of music. According to *gittith.* Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.**

**1**How lovely is your dwelling place,
    Lord Almighty!
**2**My soul yearns, even faints,
    for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
    for the living God.
**3**Even the sparrow has found a home,
    and the swallow a nest for herself,
    where she may have her young -
a place near your altar,
    Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
**4**Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
    they are ever praising you.

**5**Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
    whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
**6**As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
    they make it a place of springs;
    the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
**7**They go from strength to strength,
    till each appears before God in Zion.

**8**Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
    listen to me, God of Jacob.
**9**Look on our shield, O God;
    look with favor on your anointed one.

**10**Better is one day in your courts
    than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
    than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
**11**For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
    the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
    from those whose walk is blameless.

**12**Lord Almighty,
    blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Psalm 85

**For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.**

**1**You, Lord, showed favor to your land;
    you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
**2**You forgave the iniquity of your people
    and covered all their sins.
**3**You set aside all your wrath
    and turned from your fierce anger.

**4**Restore us again, God our Savior,
    and put away your displeasure toward us.
**5**Will you be angry with us forever?
    Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
**6**Will you not revive us again,
    that your people may rejoice in you?
**7**Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
    and grant us your salvation.

**8**I will listen to what God the Lord says;
    he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants -
    but let them not turn to folly.
**9**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
    that his glory may dwell in our land.

**10**Love and faithfulness meet together;
    righteousness and peace kiss each other.
**11**Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
    and righteousness looks down from heaven.
**12**The Lord will indeed give what is good,
    and our land will yield its harvest.
**13**Righteousness goes before him
    and prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 86

**A prayer of David.**

**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 marvelous deeds;
    you alone are God.

**11**Teach me your way, Lord,
    that I may rely on your faithfulness;
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 forever.
**13**For great is your love toward 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 in 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.