**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.