

"Prayer To Our Great God"
Psalm 86 Questionare
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INTRODUCTION:

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every time we were in a bind, and cried out to God, we would get an immediate response?

Like George Muller did...

"Through all this, Muller never made requests for financial support, not did he go into debt, even though the five homes cost more than L100,000 (\$134,582) to build! Many times he received unsolicited food donations only hours before they were needed to feed the children, further strengthening his faith in God.

"Muller was in constant prayer that God touch the hearts of donors to make provisions for the orphans. For example, on one well-documented occasion, thanks was given for breakfast when all the children were sitting at the table even though there was nothing to eat in the house. As they finished praying, the baker knocked on the door with sufficient fresh bread to feed everyone, and the milkman gave them plenty of fresh milk because his cart broke down in front of the orphanage."

There are **FOUR QUESTIONS** we need to *ask and to answer* about prayer if we expect to be heard on high by our Heavenly Father.

I. WHY DO I PRAY? ANSWER: Because I have great needs!

A. I am a p_ _ _ and n_ _ _ _ person! (v. 1)

"LORD" in the KJV (Yaweh in Hebrew) is God's special covenant name that occurs 6000 times. (Ex. 6:3; Ps. 83:18; Isa. 12:2; 26:4)

B. I need God to "preserve my soul" or k_ _ _ me in the faith! (v. 2)

"My God" (Eloah, Elohim) = Supreme God of worship or the Adorable One!

C. I have d_ _ _ y needs! (v. 3)

Matthew 6:11 "Give us this day our daily bread."

D. I need the j_ _ of the Lord for my s_ _ _ _ _ h! (v. 4)

Nehemiah 8:10 "...for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

E. I need h_ _ _ in time of trouble! (vs. 7, 14)

2. TO WHOM DO I PRAY? ANSWER: My all-powerful covenant God!

A. He is a p_ _ _ _ _ - hearing God! (v. 6)

B. He is a mer_ _ _ _ _ and gra _ _ _ _ _ God! (vs. 5,15)

Mercy = He does not give His people hell— which they deserve!
Grace = He gives them heaven— which they don't deserve!

C. He is a t_____ and guiding God! (v. 11)

Psalm 143:10 "Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness."

D. He is a he_____ and com_____ God! (v. 17)

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities..."

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."

E. He is a o__ - of - a - k___ God in the universe: There is NONE like Him! (v. 8)

F. For He is the sovereign R_____ of the world before whom all will bow one day! (v. 9)

Philippians 2: 10-11 "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

G. He is God A_____! (v. 10)

3. HOW SHOULD I PRAY? ANSWER...

A. With ear_____ reliance — for your life depends on it! (vs. 1, 6, 13)

B. With jo____l reliance because He lifts me up when my spirits are down! (v. 4)

C. With conf_____ reliance! (v. 7)

Hebrews 7:25 "Wherefore **HE IS ABLE** also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him (from the GUTTERMOST), seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." **Jesus is of power to save!**

D. With a tea_____ spirit! (v. 11)

John Calvin wrote: "Make my spirit a tea_____ one."

E. With a heart of p_____ and a spirit of g_____ to God! (v. 12)

1 Peter 4:14 "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for **the spirit of glory** and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified."

Hymn:

"I Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ."

4. FOR WHAT SHOULD I PRAY?

1. For the things that God wants for me.
2. To have a saving relationship with Him and to grow closely to Him,
ESPECIALLY in my prayer life!
3. To grow in my knowledge of Him (Word).
4. To increase in my love for Him.
5. To improve in my service to Him.
6. To be steadfast in my faith and reliance on Him.
7. And finally that my life glorifies Him!

CONCLUSION:

1. As you can see there is more to prayer than *the answer!*

Hebrews 4: 13 “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes (AND EARS) of Him with whom we have to do.”

2. It is a privilege to have my heavenly Father hear my prayer in Jesus’ name! Amen!
3. See Heidelberg Catechism 129. What is the meaning of the word “Amen”?
Answer: “Amen” means: so shall it truly and surely be. For my prayer is much more certainly heard BY God than I feel in my heart that I desire these things of Him.
4. President Lincoln came to know Christ personally through burdens that he faced during the Civil War. He later said, “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely *no other place to go.*”

In times like these, I hope you find out there is no other place to go — but to our great God in prayer!