

THE BOOKS OF PSALMS  
AND PSALM 86

# BOOK 1 (PSALMS 1-41)

Psalm	Attribution
1	
2	
3	David
4	David
5	David
6	David
7	David
8	David
9	David
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11	David
12	David
13	David
14	David
15	David
16	David
17	David
18	David
19	David
20	David
21	David
22	David
23	David
24	David
25	David
26	David
27	David
28	David
29	David
30	David
31	David
32	David
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34	David
35	David
36	David
37	David
38	David
39	David
40	David
41	David

← Psalm 3

← Psalm 41

# BOOK 2 (PSALMS 42-72)

Psalm	Attribution
42	Sons of Korah
43	Sons of Korah
44	Sons of Korah
45	Sons of Korah
46	Sons of Korah
47	Sons of Korah
48	Sons of Korah
49	Sons of Korah
50	Asaph
51	David
52	David
53	David
54	David
55	David
56	David
57	David
58	David
59	David
60	David
61	David
62	David
63	David
64	David
65	David
66	
67	
68	David
69	David
70	David
71	
72	Solomon

← Psalm 42

← Psalm 72

# BOOKS 1 AND 2

- **Book 1 (Psalms 1-41):** David's rise to kingship through much adversity.
- **Book 2 (Psalms 42-72):** David's reign to that of Solomon.
  - Psalms 42-49: The Sons of Korah
  - Psalms 51-71: Mostly of David
  - Psalm 72: Of Solomon
  - “The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.”

## BOOK 3 (PSALMS 73-89)

- Begins with Psalm 73: the wicked prosper!
- Ends with Psalm 89: David's throne is no more!

Perplexity over Israel's decline and fall  
into exile.

## BOOK 4 (PSALMS 90-106)

- Begins with Psalm 90, a psalm of Moses.

Looking to the past as grounds for hope  
for the future.

## BOOK 5 (PSALMS 107-150)

- Begins with Psalm 107, a psalm of restoration.
- Ends with five “Hallelujah” psalms of praise.

Looking to the future with hope.

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# BOOK 3 (PSALMS 73-89)

Psalm	Attribution
73	Asaph
74	Asaph
75	Asaph
76	Asaph
77	Asaph
78	Asaph
79	Asaph
80	Asaph
81	Asaph
82	Asaph
83	Asaph
84	Sons of Korah
85	Sons of Korah
86	David
87	Sons of Korah
88	Sons of Korah
89	Ethan the Ezrahite

# PSALM 86: STANZA 1

- 1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my  
God.
- 3 Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call  
upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.

## PSALM 86: STANZA 2

- <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and  
worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.

# PSALM 86: STANZA 3

- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.
- <sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my  
whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths  
of Sheol.

# PSALM 86: STANZA 4

- <sup>14</sup> O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.
- <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love  
and faithfulness.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to  
shame  
because you, LORD, have helped me and  
comforted me.

# PSALM 86 FOR US

- God is a gracious master.
- Our gracious master will intervene in our day of trouble.
- A model for seeking God's deliverance:
  - Evaluate, repent, recommit.
  - Dwell on God's goodness.
  - Remind yourself of the big picture.
  - Ask first for your *spiritual* needs.
  - Ask God's intervention in your temporal situation.