

Psalm 85 – Prayer and Expectation.

1-3: The song begins with praise to God for His favour/grace (***John 1:14...full of grace and truth***); returning them to their home, forgiving their sins and mercy upon them.

4-7: The Psalmist prays for mercy, revival/restoration and salvation, so they would rejoice in Him.

8-9: The Psalmist promised to listen to what the LORD would say. He anticipates the LORD to speak peace and bring salvation upon those who respect Him, and that He will be among them.

Matthew 6:8 - *“Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.*

Psalm 86 – Humble Prayer.

A humble prayer for protection, mercy, honour to our great God, teaching, strength and salvation. He prays sure and confident of God's power, wisdom, kindness, compassion and love.

Philippians 4:6 - *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...*

Psalm 87 - Zion

In this Psalm is a future thought of nations gathering to worship the LORD in His preferred city of Jerusalem, Zion.

The Psalmist listed some of the nations that will be gathered to Zion. They will be like children who were born there (Rahab/Egypt, Babylon, Philistia, Tyre, Cush...Europe, Asia, Africa).

7: This verse is a brief glimpse of the rejoicing that the other believing nations will bring to Zion. and pleasure, because of the Lord's presence there.

Revelation 7:9-10 - *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

Psalm 88: Prayer in pain. He lamented the terrible affliction that had brought him to the point of death. Yet he steadfastly prayed to the Lord night and day.