

Psalm 86:11- talk for evening service

- **Embroidery!**
- **African bible commentary.**
- **Pray**
- We'll focus on ½ **verse**, but first get you started....

Discussion Question: What do you notice about this Psalm?

- **Ps of David.** I didn't know this. Surprise cos in book 3 few from David, mainly these Asaph/Sons of Korah. More time Exile (Daniel), so harking back to previously held truths (like Exodus 34:6). Shadrach has his bible! Mosaic of different truths. Love it.
- **Structured Ps.** triple sandwich! v11 at centre. **Prayer & praise.** cries & character- good to remember who praying to. LORD= Yahweh, Lord= Adonai- my Lord.
 - Also parts of others.
- **Ps gets to the heart.**
 - heart the driving seat of our lives. We say *change mind*, they wd say "*change heart*".
 - Bible, kidneys=emotions, heart=control centre of morals and decisions. Cockpit!
 - How going at CCH? Easy to focus on externals, numbers, activities. But what we really need is heart change to glorify God in deep parts of our lives.
 - Here at central point: what D most wants. Not deliverance but whole heartedness.
 - ▲ Like soldier in Ukraine praying keep safe. Cancer diagnosis. Keep putting J first.

1) The beauty of an undivided heart

- What a mess (danger) if fight going on for controls.
- What a beautiful thing if whole hearted.

it isn't shared by others ["an undivided heart"]

- Beautiful thing when someone fully "devoted" to Christ.
- **visual aid.** Jesus and stuff..... Jesus only!
- REPUTATION, CAREER, RICHES, PRAISE of men, LEISURE, TOLERANCE.
- Not saying not Xn. Justification vs sanctification. (flesh needs to be put to death).
 1. used before: concept piggybacking ▲ Teenager. band. Jesus rocks. but "you rock". FAME
 2. ▲ Student. Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord for thee. But let me get into that university. M Green: first, a blue, a wife!
 3. Young professional. Sunday is for Jesus, but Monday morning pull of CAREER.
 4. (autobiog!) ▲ Preacher: I so long for people to know how great Jesus is, but at end of sermon how did I look. V ugly and v shameful.
- Danger of a heart shared with stuff. COHABITATION.
- Rather than Jesus alone.
- Sometimes he takes those things away to grow us in love for him. An uneasy cohabitation.
 - Jesus plus academia, Jesus plus having a girlfriend, Jesus plus owning my own home.

it isn't controlled by others ["fear your name"]

- And here's the really dangerous thing, a divided heart is 2 timing, but it's also vulnerable.
- I don't fully respect and revere God when divided.
 - His name everything about him.
- Fear of God beginning of wisdom Prov 1:7.
- Whereas "the fear of man is a snare" Prov 29:25.
- If boat of our soul not tied down w anchor of J, we are vulnerable.
- heart that not only shares headspace, but it controls us.
- Teenager (opinion), Student (), Preacher (adapt to what ppl want).
- "Fear him nothing else to fear"
- ▲ Magnet. Cans on table. Scanning electron microscope.
- Actions become warped.

- Book of James warns against doubleminded.
- Can you think of a heart that was totally singleminded?
 - Of course Jesus. Always did what pleased his Father.

Discussion Question: What/who do you share your heart with?

think what drives you? Is reason work so hard earn a living, or

So why favourite verse? So far quite convicting.

- Remember it's a prayer!

2) The gift of an undivided heart

- in answer to prayer

- "Unite my heart to fear your name", ESV, Scottish metrical Psalter
- "Teach me"... "**Give** me"
- Do you see the grace in the verse.
- Always in Bible horse with cart. Not just what to do, but power to do it.
- First part of that is prayer.
- When we pray accessing the power of God.
 - Connecting our little life with his!
- PS so powerful.
- What a person prays about tells you a lot about them. (like having a ▲ genie).
- Solomon asked what he wanted? Wisdom. Given riches as well!
- Will we ask for riches or for God?

- an outworking of his greatness and grace

- But there's more help for us than simply prayer.
- The way that God could answer that prayer is by bringing the gospel to bear on us.
- There's a logic in the surrounding verses.
- He is GREAT
 - Look carefully at v 8. Among the gods none like Y.
 - So no other real God.
 - If 4 gods, share ¼ each.
 - But 1 God he should have all of my worship.
 - He is great.
 - Because God is great he deserves my heart.
- But also he is GRACIOUS.
 - Because great is your love v13
 - ▲Zach. Good idea ignored. p45 PS 8.
 - If he cares for you, does it matter if ignored by others?
 - So do pray that you would grasp the Love of God.
- Logic actually in verse: DIRECTION AND MOTIVATION.
- T: many of us struggle with feelings of doubting the Love of God. I do.
So we pray, teach me your way. Give me the gospel.
 - Saw in 1 Tim so much.
 - John reminded us cross where see love.
 - So pray for me, and for one another all my heart.
 - God would grant me a deeper sense of his love.
 - As I hear gospel taught by others, by me, sung by others by me, impact me.
 - Pray against a stale heart. Soft heart.
 - REMINDER GOSPEL. v11. Dead. Jesus died.

Discussion Question: How can you meditate more on the greatness and grace of God?

Say together a final time!