

Psalm 86:12

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forevermore.

Praise:

Yadah-to use (i.e. hold out) the hand; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands)

Heart:

Lebab-the heart (as the most interior organ); also used like OT:3820

Leb-the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything

Glorify:

Kabad-to be heavy, i.e. in a bad sense (burdensome, severe, dull) or in a good sense (numerous, rich, honorable; causatively, to make weighty (in the same two senses)

Forevermore:

ʾowlam-concealed, i.e. the vanishing point; generally, time out of mind (past or future), i.e. (practically) eternity; always

The psalmist seems to be saying, “I will revere and worship you with extended hands, O Lord my God, with my inner most being (all that makes up me) and for all eternity I will make your name honorable and carry weight.”

When I think of giving glory to God I am reminded of a definition I read from Kay Arthur. She said that to give God glory is to give the correct opinion of what God is like. This takes place on two planes; by what we say and how we live.

God’s name carries weight. Used properly God’s name, his character and being, can bring salvation to the lost, healing for the sick, and deliverance to the oppressed. However, God’s name seems to carry even more weight when those using it are passionately (with all their heart) seeking his character in their lives. In other words, the way they live gives the correct opinion of what God is like.

Scripture references:

Psalm 89:52

Blessed be the Lord forevermore! Amen and Amen.

Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 86:9

All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.