

# "A God Among gods"

Corey Tackett

*"There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours." (Ps 86:8)*

When we say "God" today it is typically understood to be in reference to the God of the Bible, which is Jehovah. It is normally no longer needed to say Yahweh or Jehovah for someone to know who you are addressing or talking about. Though today there are still many individuals who believe in another god or many gods they do not hold the same magnitude of Jehovah God. This was not always the case though and in the time that Psalm 86 was written there were many gods that nations looked to as their supreme being. As the Psalmists writes though, none of them compare to the one true God.

During the time that this psalm was pinned, if it was in fact pinned by David, the other gods that the Israelite people would have been familiar with were man made idols; idols that were carved by man, literally hand made by them, and worshipped by them. These idols were worshiped by their creator instead of the creation worshipping the creator. One god that the Israelites would have been familiar with at this time is the Philistine god, Dagon. Dagon was supposedly the chief deity of the philistines being half man and half fish. Like the psalmist points out though Jehovah is greater and there are none like him. This is seen when the Ark of the Covenant is brought into the temple of Dagon and the statue of Dagon is destroyed by God in I Samuel 5. Another god that was well known and would even grow in popularity after this psalm was written is Baal. Baal was one of the gods of the Canaanites and considered to be the strongest patriarch god that they had. He would even infiltrate Israelite worship for a period of time. Baal, according to the Canaanites of this time period, was the god of fertility and also the god of storm. Being the god of storm when there was a draught, sacrifices were made to him in an attempt to try and appease him. In 1 Kings 17 however Elijah challenges Baal worshipers to pray to him during a drought for him to bring rain. Going into I Kings 18 we find that 450 prophets of Baal prayed yet nothing happened. In verse 39 after the prophets of Baal had ceased their praying, Elijah prayed to Jehovah and rain fell from the heavens. Once more the psalmist was proven right that there is no god who is like THE God.

This has always been the case though and we find several other characters throughout scripture claiming that there is no god that is like God Himself. After Israel was brought out of Egyptian captivate by the immense power of God Moses writes his famous song and in Exodus 15:11 Moses writes this very thing asking what other god is like God himself. This came just after God showed His power and how He was more powerful than any of the false Egyptian gods through the plagues that He sent. Ethan the Ezrahite would also ask this very question in Psalm 89:6. The question who is like Jehovah is a simple one and the writer of psalm 86 had the correct answer; there is none like You among the gods. There is one God and one God only. He holds the true power.

Consider God's own words on the matter:

*"Besides Me there is no god." (Isa. 44:6)*



# Welcome

TO  
KOUNTZE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

June

"Men always ought  
to pray and not lose  
heart."

*Luke 18:1*

6<sup>th</sup>

## Meeting Times

Sunday Bible Class – 9:30

AM Worship – 10:30

PM Worship – 1:30

Wednesday Night Bible Class – 7:00

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# Today's Lessons

AM.....Understanding Prayer: Jesus Understands Us  
PM.....Types of Soil

## Men to Serve

Announcements.....Bud Wolcott  
Song Leader.....Sterling McDonald  
Opening Prayer.....  
Communion Leader.....Steve Deatruck  
Sermon.....Corey Tackett  
Closing Prayer.....

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Today is first Sunday Fellowship!
- There will be a men's meeting after the AM service next week.

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Men's Meeting  
June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Camp Red Oak  
July 25<sup>th</sup> – VBS

## Records

Sunday AM.....61      Wednesday PM.....N/A  
Sunday PM.....      Contribution.....N/A

### Birthdays:

4.....Savannah Neely  
5.....Bud Wolcott  
17.....Ashlea Jordan  
23.....Stevi Johnson  
23.....Katherine Waldrop

### Anniversaries:

2.....Kim & Beverly  
5.....Gary & Katherine  
8.....Trish & Austin  
8.....Shane & Jennifer  
17.....Jeremy & Kathy  
25.....Dwayne & Cozene

## Visitors,

You are welcome and wanted. We are glad you made the decision to be with us.

If you have any questions or needs, please reach out to any of our members and we'll be more than happy to help you.

If you're looking for a Church home, we'd love the opportunity to study with you and have you join our congregation's family.

## Prayer Requests and Updates

### Members:

- Dwayne Baker
- Ed & Linda Bumstead
- Fred Johnson
- Vera Shavers
- Gaylon & Gladys Williams

### Family and Friends:

- Tony Wright & Charles Wright
- Gary Berry
- Mandy Owens
- Jeanie Beck
- Shawn Gunter
- Susan Golden