

# Psalm 081 - Celebrating and Remembering God

## Psalm 81

[To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.]

### God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

- 1 Sing for joy to God our strength; Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.
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- 1 Sing joyfully to God, our strength. Raise a shout to the God of Jacob.
- 1 Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
  
- 2 Raise a song, strike the tambourine, The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.
- 2 Raise a song, strike the timbrel, The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.
- 2 Sing a song and play the tambourine, the pleasant-sounding lyre along with the harp.
- 2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
  
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day.
- 3 Blow the ram's horn when there is a New Moon, when there is a full moon, on our festival day,
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
  
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 4 because it is a statute in Israel, an ordinance by the God of Jacob,
- 4 For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.
  
- 5 He established it as a testimony in Joseph When he went throughout the land of Egypt. I heard a language I did not know:
- 5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph When he went throughout the land of Egypt. I heard a language that I did not know:
- 5 a decree that he prescribed for Joseph when he went throughout the land of Egypt, speaking a language I did not recognize.
- 5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not.

6 "I relieved his shoulder of the burden, His hands were freed from the basket.

6 "I relieved his shoulder of the burden, His hands were freed from the basket.

6 I removed the burden from your shoulder; your hands were freed of the burdensome basket.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

7 "You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I put you to the test at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

7 "You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*.

7 In a time of need you called out and I delivered you; I answered you from the dark thundercloud; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*.

8 "Hear, My people, and I will admonish you; Israel, if you would listen to Me!

8 "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me!

8 Listen, My people and I will warn you. Israel, if only you would obey me!

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

9 "There shall be no strange god among you; Nor shall you worship a foreign god.

9 "Let there be no strange god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god.

9 You must neither have a foreign god over you or worship a strange god.

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

10 "I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

10 "I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, open your mouth that I may fill it.

10 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 "But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me.

11 "But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me.

11 Yet my people didn't obey my voice; Israel didn't submit to me.

11 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

12 "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk by their own plans.

12 "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices.

12 So I allowed them to continue in their stubbornness, living by their own advice.

12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

13 "Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

13 "Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

13 If only my people would obey me, if only Israel would walk in my ways!

13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!

14 "I would quickly subdue their enemies And turn My hand against their adversaries.

14 "I would quickly subdue their enemies And turn My hand against their adversaries.

14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies. I would turn against their foes.

14 I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against  
their adversaries.

15 "Those who hate the LORD would pretend to obey Him, And their time of *punishment*  
would be forever.

15 "Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him, And their time of  
*punishment* would be forever.

15 Those who hate the LORD will cringe before him; their punishment will be permanent.

15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time  
should have endured for ever.

16 "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, And with honey from the rock I would  
satisfy you."

16 "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, And with honey from the rock I would  
satisfy you."

16 But I will feed Israel with the finest wheat, satisfying you with honey from the rock.

16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the  
rock should I have satisfied thee.