

Psalm 81

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

God's Goodness and Israel's Waywardness.

For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

81 Sing for joy to God our strength;
Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.
²Raise a song, strike the timbrel,
The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.
³Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
At the full moon, on our feast day.
⁴For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
⁵He established it for a testimony in Joseph
When he went throughout the land of Egypt.
I heard a language that I did not know:

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

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

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

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

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

¹³"Oh that My people would listen to Me,

That Israel would walk in My ways!

¹⁴ "I would quickly subdue their enemies

And turn My hand against their adversaries.

¹⁵ "Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him,

And their time *of punishment* would be forever.

¹⁶ "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,

And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."