

# 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.  
<sup>2</sup>Raise a song, strike the timbrel,  
The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.  
<sup>3</sup>Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
At the full moon, on our feast day.  
<sup>4</sup>For it is a statute for Israel,  
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
<sup>5</sup>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:

<sup>6</sup>"I relieved his shoulder of the burden,  
His hands were freed from the basket.  
<sup>7</sup>"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.*

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>13</sup>"Oh that My people would listen to Me,

That Israel would walk in My ways!

<sup>14</sup> "I would quickly subdue their enemies

And turn My hand against their adversaries.

<sup>15</sup> "Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him,

And their time *of punishment* would be forever.

<sup>16</sup> "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,

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