

# Psalm 81

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

<sup>1</sup> **S**ING aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup> Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

<sup>3</sup> Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

<sup>4</sup> For this *was* a statute for Israel, *and* a law of the God of Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

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

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

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

<sup>12</sup> So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: *and* they walked in their own counsels.

<sup>13</sup> Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

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

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

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