



PSALM 81

**Sing aloud unto God our strength:
make a joyful noise unto
the God of Jacob. Take a psalm,
and bring hither the timbrel,
the pleasant harp with the psaltery.**

**Blow up the trumpet in
the new moon, in the time appointed,
on our solemn feast day.**

**For this was a statute for Israel,
and a law of the God of Jacob.**

**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.**

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

**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.**

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee:

O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;

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

**I am the Lord thy God, which brought
thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide,
and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice;**

**and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up
unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their
own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me**

**and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued
their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.**

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

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