

Psalms 81

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Sing Aloud to God Our Strength

- 1** Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
 - 2** Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
 - 3** Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.
 - 4** For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.
 - 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.
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- 6** I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.
 - 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, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me;
 - 9** There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
 - 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.
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- 11** But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

- 12** So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.
- 13** Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!
- 14** I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.
- 15** The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.
- 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.

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God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 81:1 **References God:** Psalms 46:11; 66:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 8:1; 28:7; Philippians 4:13. **Sin:** Jeremiah 31:7

Psalms 81:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 92:3; Exodus 15:20; Mark 14:26

Psalms 81:3 **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 2:4

Psalms 81:5 **References Egypt:** Psalms 114:1; Exodus 11:4; 12:12; 12:27. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 77:15; Deuteronomy 28:49; Jeremiah 5:15

Psalms 81:6 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 6:6; Isaiah 9:4; 10:27; Matthew 11:29

Psalms 81:7

Parallel theme: Psalms 50:15; Exodus 2:23; 14:10; 14:24; 19:19; Numbers 20:13; 20:24; Deuteronomy 33:8

Psalms 81:8 **Witness:** Psalms 50:7; Deuteronomy 32:46; John 3:11; Acts 20:21; 1 John 5:9.

Parallel theme: Exodus 15:26; Deuteronomy 5:27; Isaiah 1:19. **References Israel:** Psalms 81:13

Psalms 81:9 **References God:** Deuteronomy 6:14; 32:12; Isaiah 43:12

Psalms 81:10 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 107:9; John 7:37; 15:7; 16:23; Revelation 21:6; 22:17.

References God: Exodus 20:2; Jeremiah 11:4

Psalms 81:11 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 32:1; Deuteronomy 32:15; 32:18; Proverbs 1:30; Zechariah 7:11; Hebrews 10:29

Psalms 81:12 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:3; Job 8:4; Isaiah 30:1; Jeremiah 7:24; Acts 7:42; 14:16; Romans 1:24

Psalms 81:13 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 5:29; Isaiah 48:18

Psalms 81:14 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:9; 14:45; Joshua 23:13; Amos 1:8

Psalms 81:15 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 7:10; Romans 1:30

Psalms 81:16 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 147:14; Judges 14:18; Job 29:6; Joel 2:24

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