

Psalms 81:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Analysis

God declares His identity and Israel's obligation: "I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt" (Hebrew Anoki YHWH Eloheykha ha-ma'alkha me-eretz Mitzrayim). This echoes the First Commandment (Exodus 20:2), establishing redemption as the basis for worship. "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Hebrew harchev pikha va-amale'ehu) is a stunning invitation—God promises abundant provision to those who depend wholly on Him. The opened mouth symbolizes faith's receptivity, trust expressed in petition rather than self-sufficiency.

Historical Context

This verse recalls the Exodus, the foundational redemptive event establishing Israel's relationship with YHWH. The wilderness generation experienced God's provision of manna, quail, and water from rock (Exodus 16-17). The invitation to "open thy mouth wide" promises that dependence on God yields greater satisfaction than autonomy.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does remembering that God redeemed you (through Christ's Exodus from death) motivate worship and obedience?
2. What does it mean to "open your mouth wide" in dependence on God rather than self-sufficiency?
3. In what ways has self-reliance closed your mouth to receiving God's abundant provision?

Interlinear Text

אָנֹכִי יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	הַמַּעֲלֶכֶת	מִמֶּנִּי	מִצֵּרְיִם	
H595	I am the LORD	thy God	which brought	thee out of the land	of Egypt
	H3068	H430	H5927	H776	H4714
הַרְחֵב	פִּי יְהוָה	וְאֶמְלֵאָהּ:			
wide	open thy mouth	and I will fill			
H7337	H6310	H4390			

Additional Cross-References

John 15:7 (Parallel theme): If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Exodus 20:2 (References God): I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Psalms 107:9 (Parallel theme): For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

John 7:37 (Parallel theme): In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Revelation 21:6 (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Revelation 22:17 (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

John 16:23 (Parallel theme): And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Jeremiah 11:4 (References God): Which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: