

Psalm 81 A Psalm of A-saph
King James Version (KJV)

81 Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. (Asaph calling the people to praise God)

²Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. (psalm= meditation, not a song, like in the title)

³Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. (Blow up= blow... bad translation) Numbers-10:2 & Numbers-10:10 (The silver trumpets used to signal the tribes during the migration from Egypt) (solemn feast day is Passover)

⁴For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵This 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.

⁶I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots. (baskets used in brick making)

⁷Thou 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. (Meribah= strife..... in the desert) Exodus-17:6-7, Numbers-20:8-13

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

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

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

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

¹²So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

¹³Oh 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.