


PSALM 81

For the director of music. According to gittith. Of Asaph.

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1. Sing a psalm of joy;
shout with ho-ly fer-vour.
All your skills em-ploy;
with your heart and soul
Ja-cob's God ex-tol.
He is our pre-serv-er.

2. O all *Israel*,
voice your *jubilation*.
Let your *music* swell;
harp and timbrel play.
Show in every way
joy and exultation.
3. With the *trumpet's* tune
herald, *in due* season,
feast-days of *the moon*:
Let its echo sound.
To let joy abound
God gives every reason.

4. Keep by *God's* command
your commemoration:
When in *Egypt's* land
captive Israel
did in bondage dwell,
He gave liberation.
5. “When you *served as* slaves
of the *ruthless* Pharaoh,
I, the *God who* saves,
listened to your plea
and I set you free
from distress and sorrow.
6. “In the *worst of* plights
comfort *I provided*.
On Mount *Sinai's* heights
I gave you My law.
You at Meribah
tested were and guided.
7. “O my *people*, hear!
Let my *warnings* reach you.
My *commands* revere!
Would you but obey,
not to evil stray.
Listen as I teach you.
8. “You shall *not bow* down
showing *veneration*
to mere *gods of* stone.
You shall hate and flee
the idolatry
of the heathen nations.

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9. "I, LORD God of truth,
I from E-gypt freed you.
O-pen wide your mouth;
put your trust in Me.
Know that I am He
who will rich-ly feed you.

10. "By their *wilful* choice
they my *love* rejected;
they ignored *My* voice.
Israel did not
heed what they were taught.
They *My* law neglected.

11. "To their *stubborn* way
Israel I surrendered.
Would they *but* obey
and return to Me!
O then I would be
Israel's defender!

12. “Then I *would in haste*
Israel *deliver*.
I would *soon lay waste*
the oppressor’s land
and with mighty hand
thwart the foe’s endeavour.”

13. “As their *just reward*,
all the *hostile* nations
who *despise the LORD*
would before His face
cringe in their disgrace
and humiliation.”

14. “With *abundance* I
Israel *would nourish*.
You I *would supply*
with the finest wheat,
honey pure and sweet.
Israel *would flourish!*”