

# Psalm 81

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## Sing for Joy to God Our Strength

- 1**For the Leader; upon the Gittith. [A Psalm] of Asaph. Sing aloud unto God our strength; Shout unto the God of Jacob.
- 2**Take up the melody, and sound the timbrel, The sweet harp with the psaltery.
- 3**Blow the horn at the new moon, At the full moon for our feast-day.
- 4**For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5**He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, When He went forth against the land of Egypt. The speech of one that I knew not did I hear:
- 6**I removed his shoulder from the burden; His hands were freed from the basket.
- 7**Thou didst call in trouble, and I rescued 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 admonish thee: O Israel, if thou wouldst hearken unto Me!
- 9**There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
- 10**I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
- 11**But My people hearkened not to My voice; And Israel would none of Me.

- 12** So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart, That they might walk in their own counsels.
- 13** Oh that My people would hearken unto Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!
- 14** I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries.
- 15** The haters of the LORD should dwindle away before Him; And their punishment should endure for ever.
- 16** They should also be fed with the fat of wheat; And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.'