

Sermon Notes | Psalm 81

A. God wants us to Worship Him with Joy (v.1-3)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

² Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

³ Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

Numbers 10:10

¹⁰ On the day of your **gladness** also, and at your appointed feasts and at the beginnings of your months, you shall **blow the trumpets** over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. They shall be a **reminder** of you before your God: **I am the Lord your God.**"

B. God wants us to Remember His Love for us (v. 4-7)

⁴ For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

⁵ He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a language I had not known:

⁶ "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

⁷ In distress you called, and **I delivered you; I answered you** in the secret place of thunder; **I tested you** at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

C. God wants us to Listen to His Voice (v. 8-10)

⁸ **Hear**, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, **if you would but listen** to me!

⁹ There shall be **no strange god** among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

¹⁰ **I am the Lord your God**, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. **Open your mouth wide**, and **I will fill it**.

The Tragedy of a Stubborn Heart (v. 11-16)

¹¹ "But my people did **not listen** to my voice; Israel would **not submit** to me.

¹² So **I gave them over** to their **stubborn hearts**, to **follow their own counsels**.

¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would **walk in my ways**!

¹⁴ I would soon **subdue their enemies** and turn my hand against their foes.

¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever.

¹⁶ But **he would feed you** with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock **I would satisfy you.**"

Big Idea: God wants you to be satisfied in Him.

God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in him - John Piper

Discussion Questions | Psalm 81

- What did God speak to you this weekend?

Read Psalm 81:1–3

- What does it mean to worship with joy?
- How would you describe your current joyfulness in worship?

Read Psalm 81:4–7

- How can you remember God's love for you this week?

Read Psalm 81:8–10

- What area of your life are you not listening to God in?

Read Psalm 81:11–16

- How has your heart tried to lead you away from God?
- What is one step you can take this week to let God change your desires so that you are satisfied in Him?