

## Worshipping with the Psalms in Winter 2022

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### 28<sup>th</sup> August – Psalm 81

Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.

**For this is a statute for Israel  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph,  
when the people came out of the land of Egypt.

**I heard an unfamiliar voice saying,  
"I eased their shoulder from the burden;  
their hands were set free from bearing the load.**

You called on me in trouble, and I saved you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

**I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,**

**'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'**

And yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.

**So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.**

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

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

Those who hate the LORD would cringe before me, and their punishment would last forever.

**But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock."**