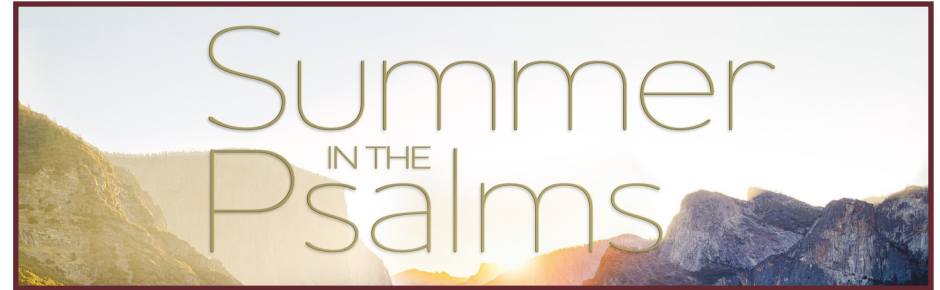


**Reflection Questions:** What is my attitude when I gather to worship with God's people? Is it one of joy? How can I be more joyful in my worship? What do I do that quenches my joy? In what areas do I fail to listen to and hear God? How has God blessed me? How am I showing Him my appreciation, gratitude, and worship?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



Psalm 81

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

August 1, 2021

### Quotes to Ponder

*Christianity has become a form of Sunday entertainment, a political pressure group, or a twelve-step recovery process, rather than a community of those who know and are learning to obey God.*

James Montgomery Boice

*No time is amiss for praising God ... But some are times appointed, not for God to meet us (for He is always ready) but for us to meet one another that we may join together in praising God.*

Matthew Henry

*We are not merely invited but commanded as a decree and statute to worship God with joy.*

Timothy Keller

*The human mind is a permanent factory of idols.*

John Calvin

*Proud self sufficiency shuts out the fullness of God. The first step to strength is to realize our own helplessness, simply to open the mouth wide, that God may fill it.*

John Thomas

*You will not open your mouth wide if you do not realize how weak you are. If you feel that you are strong, you will cease to cry to God for strength.*

Charles Spurgeon

*It is only by losing ourselves in God that we will find our true selves. He alone satisfies.*

Dane Ortlund

*Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring, for His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much.*

John Newton

1. Call to Reverence (1-5)

2. Call to Remember (6-10)

3. Call to Repent (11-16)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. What is commanded in *Psalms 81:1-2*?

What reasons do we have to do this?

3. What feast or feasts are associated with *Psalms 81* (verse 3, *Leviticus 23:24, 33-43*)?

4. What is the *statute* and *ordinance* of *Psalms 81:4*?

5. What is meant in *Psalms 81:5* when it says, *I heard a language that I did not know*?

6. From what did God deliver His people from in *Psalms 81:6*?

From what does God deliver us according to *1 Corinthians 7:21-23*?

7. What does *Meribah* (*Psalms 81:7*) symbolize?

*Exodus 17:1-7* —

*Psalms 95:8* —

*Numbers 20:1-13* —

*Psalms 106:32* —

*Deuteronomy 33:8* —

8. What will God fill their mouths with (*Psalms 81:10*)? Back up your answer with Scripture.

9. Read *Psalms 81:8, 11, and 13*. What is emphasized in these verses?

10. Why is the first of the Ten Commandments, the foremost commandment, stated in *Psalms 81:9* (*Exodus 20:2-6; Mark 12:28-30*)?

11. What is the punishment in *Psalms 81:12*?

See also *Job 8:4; Proverbs 1:30-32, and Romans 1:24, 26, and 28*.

12. If Israel would listen and obey God, what did God promise He would do (*Psalms 81:14, 16*)? Can we claim these promises? Why or why not?

13. What is the meaning of *Psalms 81:15*?

14. What were the costs of Israel's disobedience? What are some costs of disobedience today?

15. What blessings did God promise to those who were faithful to Him (*Psalms 81:13-14, 16*)?