

Dialogical Proclamation

Psalms of Asaph · Book III

"For the Chief Musician. On an instrument of Gath. By Asaph."

IN ONE SENTENCE



God calls his people to sing at the festival and listen to him, promising to fill the mouth opened wide.

Remember it: Eighty-one: open your mouth wide, and God fills it with honey from the rock.

MEMORY VERSE

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

Psalm 81:10 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

הִרְחֵב

"open wide" · verse 10

In the Psalms: six times, in 6 psalms

רחב means to be wide or broad, and here God commands, "Open your mouth wide." The picture is a hungry child or nestling stretching open to be fed. The same root gives the Bible's "broad place," the room God gives when he rescues. God promises to fill whatever trusting emptiness we bring.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–5** Sing loudly and blow the trumpet at the appointed feast.
- 6–10** God recalls freeing his people and calls them to listen.
- 11–12** Israel would not listen, so God let them go.
- 13–16** If they listened, he would defeat enemies and feed them richly.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 81 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/81.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Praise & Thanksgiving

God's Word

Israel's Story

FILL IN THE BLANKS

God calls his people to sing at the _____ and _____ to him, promising to fill the _____ opened wide.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. When are they to blow the trumpet?

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| ☐ (A) At the New Moon and full moon on the feast day | ☐ (B) At sunrise each day |
| ☐ (C) Before every battle | ☐ (D) When the king is crowned |

2. What does God promise if they open their mouth wide?

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| ☐ (A) He will close it | ☐ (B) He will fill it |
| ☐ (C) He will teach it songs | ☐ (D) He will judge it |

3. What would God satisfy them with out of the rock?

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| ☐ (A) Water | ☐ (B) Oil |
| ☐ (C) Wine | ☐ (D) Honey |

TALK IT OVER

1. What did God do for his people according to verses 6-7?

2. Verse 13 shows God longing, "Oh that my people would listen." What does that reveal about God's heart?

3. What keeps you from listening to God, and what would "opening your mouth wide" look like this week?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 81 TEACH?

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| ☐ I listened to the song | ☐ I can say what it teaches |
| ☐ I can say verse 10 by heart | ☐ I know the picture word |