

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 81
A Psalm for Tambourine Players

Psalm 81 - Feast of Tabernacles.

The path of worship

Worshiping

Listening

Responding

This pattern is a picture of what happens when believers gather to publicly worship God

- I. **WORSHIP.** Our Approach to God is through PRAISE **Psalm 81:1-5**
 - A. Singing, shouting, music, tambourine, harp, lyre, rams horn
 1. **Lyre.** Hebrew *kinnor*.
 2. **First mention.** (Genesis 4:21) *"His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute."*
 - B. FEAST of TABERNACLES
 1. End of Sept
 2. Joyful time
 3. HARVEST
 4. They brought their TITHES to fill the Temple storehouses, so that the poor would have food.
 5. Remembering the deliverance out of the **wilderness**
 - a. During the 40 years they lived in TENTS
 - b. They followed Lev. 23:42 "live in booths 7 days. . ."
 - c. *Illus - every year, at the beginning of school. . .*
 6. According to the Rabbis, 70 bulls were offered over the 7 days
13 day 1, 12 day 2, 11 day 3, 10 day 4, 9 day 5, 8 day 6, 7 day 7
 7. This represented the **70 nations.** **This looked forward to the day when the Shekinah glory would cover the earth, to the Jews first, and then to the other nations.**
 8. Their WORSHIP was a witness to the world!
 9. Our worship ought to be a witness to the world!
- II. LISTENING. We Worship through Listening to God's Word. **Psalm 81:6-10**
 - A. **81:6-7.** A HISTORY of the LORD'S deliverance
 1. Burdens= slavery
 2. Baskets = the baskets they carried as slaves
 3. **PREACHING** emphasizes all that **GOD has DONE for US!!**
 - B. **81:8-10.** TEACHING. God Repeats His Commands
- III. RESPONDING.
H Robinson: Expository Preaching outline: 1) "What does this mean?" 2)"Is it true?"
3)"What difference does it make?"
 - A. 81:11-13 contains a description of their sin

1. "I gave them over"
2. They would reap what they have sown
3. **(Hosea 8:7)** *"They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind."*
4. **(Galatians 6:7)** *"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."*

B. 81:14-16 is an invitation to repent and receive God's blessings
 "A Psalm of Blessings Missed"

1. (1 Corinthians 2:9) *"However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—"*
2. (Matthew 23:37) *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."*

C. The PSALM Closes with an INVITATION

IV. APPLICATION. Our Corporate Worship

- A. We don't come to church to worship. The Church Comes together to worship corporately! *"We do not go to church ow worship, because worship ought to be the constant attitude and activity of the dedicated believer. We go to church to worship publicly and corporately. Wat we have been doing privately, for the most part, all wee long, we do publicly as we gather with the people of God on the Lord's Day."*
Wiersbe, "Real Worship," 97
- B. Our Corporate Worship is a Witness to the World.
 1. **The FEAST of TABERNACLES (Psalm 81) "Lights!"** The Temple was illuminated for the entire world to see. Edersheim, "the most spectacular sight!"
- C. Our Corporate worship involves PRAISE.
 1. Let there be MUSIC!!
 2. Let there be PARTICIPATION!
- D. Our Corporate worship involves PREACHING
 1. Let there be LISTENING!
- E. Our Corporate worship involves a RESPONSE!