

NEVER FORGET

Psalm 81

**As we examine this Psalm we'll consider five reminders
about God and godliness**

I. NEVER FORGET REAL WORSHIP (1-5)

A. MUSIC ENCOURAGED (1-3)

1. Singing: A thankful cheerfulness with mirthful music
- To God, with joy, unashamed
2. Playing: Timbrel (tambourine) lyre (guitar), harp and trumpet

B. A MANDATE IMPOSED (4)

1. The Requirement: A statute and ordinance
2. The Recipients: The people of God
3. The Record: Regular worship

C. A MISSION INVOLVED (5)

1. A Testimony in Joseph
 - a. God used Israelite worship in Egypt as a way of assisting them in resisting other "gods"
 - b. Their worship served also as a witness to the pagan Egyptians
2. A Truth Unknown
- When God heard Egyptian worship songs, He did not recognize them

D. A MODEL FOR US - Colossians 3:16

II. NEVER FORGET GOD'S MERCIES (6-7)

A. RELIEVED BY GOD (6)

B. RESCUED BY GOD (7)

1. Who Speaks: From the hiding place of thunder - Ex. 20:21
2. Who Provides: Water at Meribah - Ex. 17:1-7

C. OUR REDEMPTION BY GOD - Titus 3:5

III. NEVER FORGET GOD'S ADMONITION (8-10)

A. GOD'S CALL (8) > Hear and hearken

B. GOD'S COMMANDS (9) > Be separated and sanctified

Over please >

C. GOD'S COOPERATION (10)

1. Historically: Delivering from Egypt (cf. 6-7)
2. Presently: Ready to provide for them

D. OUR CAUTION - I John 5:21

IV. **NEVER FORGET SIN'S CONSEQUENCES** (11-12)

A. ISRAEL'S STUBBORNESS (11)

1. Actions: They did not listen or obey
2. Attitude: Ignoring God's deliverance (10) and disliking God's terms (9)

B. GOD'S SENTENCE (12)

1. Giving up on Israel
2. Letting them walk in their own ways

C. OUR SUMMONS - Galatians 6:7

- Remember that the pleasures of sin are seasonal! (Heb. 11:25)

V. **NEVER FORGET GOD'S INTEREST** (13-16)

A. HIS PLEA (13)

- Listen and follow

B. HIS PLAN (14-15)

1. Subdue Enemies (14)
2. Punish God-haters (15)

C. HIS PROVISION (16)

- The necessity of wheat and luxury of honey

D. OUR PRAISE - Ephesians 3:20-21

CONCLUSION:

Often times a song can remind of things about God and His word.

- **The next time you hear or sing a hymn or gospel song, don't forget to listen to what it says!**

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