**Psalm 80-83**

Psalm 80

**For the director of music. To the tune of “The Lilies of the Covenant.” Of Asaph. A psalm.**

**1**Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
    you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
    shine forth **2**before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might;  
    come and save us.

**3**Restore us, O God;  
    make your face shine on us,  
    that we may be saved.

**4**How long, Lord God Almighty,  
    will your anger smolder  
    against the prayers of your people?  
**5**You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
    you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.  
**6**You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
    and our enemies mock us.

**7**Restore us, God Almighty;  
    make your face shine on us,  
    that we may be saved.

**8**You transplanted a vine from Egypt;  
    you drove out the nations and planted it.  
**9**You cleared the ground for it,  
    and it took root and filled the land.  
**10**The mountains were covered with its shade,  
    the mighty cedars with its branches.  
**11**Its branches reached as far as the Sea,   
    its shoots as far as the River.

**12**Why have you broken down its walls  
    so that all who pass by pick its grapes?  
**13**Boars from the forest ravage it,  
    and insects from the fields feed on it.  
**14**Return to us, God Almighty!  
    Look down from heaven and see!  
Watch over this vine,  
**15**    the root your right hand has planted,  
    the son[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+80-83&version=NIV#fen-NIV-15214e)] you have raised up for yourself.

**16**Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;  
    at your rebuke your people perish.  
**17**Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
    the son of man you have raised up for yourself.  
**18**Then we will not turn away from you;  
    revive us, and we will call on your name.

**19**Restore us, Lord God Almighty;  
    make your face shine on us,  
    that we may be saved.

Psalm 81

**For the director of music. According to *gittith.* Of Asaph.**

**1**Sing for joy to God our strength;  
    shout aloud to the God of Jacob!  
**2**Begin the music, strike the timbrel,  
    play the melodious harp and lyre.

**3**Sound the ram’s horn at the New Moon,  
    and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival;  
**4**this is a decree for Israel,  
    an ordinance of the God of Jacob.  
**5**When God went out against Egypt,  
    he established it as a statute for Joseph.

I heard an unknown voice say:

**6**“I removed the burden from their shoulders;  
    their hands were set free from the basket.  
**7**In your distress you called and I rescued you,  
    I answered you out of a thundercloud;  
    I tested you at the waters of Meribah.   
**8**Hear me, my people, and I will warn you -  
    if you would only listen to me, Israel!  
**9**You shall have no foreign god among you;  
    you shall not worship any god other than me.  
**10**I am the Lord your God,  
    who brought you up out of Egypt.  
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

**11**“But my people would not listen to me;  
    Israel would not submit to me.  
**12**So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts  
    to follow their own devices.

**13**“If my people would only listen to me,  
    if Israel would only follow my ways,  
**14**how quickly I would subdue their enemies  
    and turn my hand against their foes!  
**15**Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,  
    and their punishment would last forever.  
**16**But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;  
    with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”

Psalm 82

**A psalm of Asaph.**

**1**God presides in the great assembly;  
    he renders judgment among the “gods”:

**2**“How long will you[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+80-83&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-15236i" \o "See footnote i)] defend the unjust  
    and show partiality to the wicked?   
**3**Defend the weak and the fatherless;  
    uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.  
**4**Rescue the weak and the needy;  
    deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

**5**“The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing.  
    They walk about in darkness;  
    all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6**“I said, ‘You are “gods”;  
    you are all sons of the Most High.’  
**7**But you will die like mere mortals;  
    you will fall like every other ruler.”

**8**Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
    for all the nations are your inheritance.

Psalm 83

**A song. A psalm of Asaph.**

**1**O God, do not remain silent;  
    do not turn a deaf ear,  
    do not stand aloof, O God.  
**2**See how your enemies growl,  
    how your foes rear their heads.  
**3**With cunning they conspire against your people;  
    they plot against those you cherish.  
**4**“Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation,  
    so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.”

**5**With one mind they plot together;  
    they form an alliance against you -   
**6**the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,  
    of Moab and the Hagrites,  
**7**Byblos, Ammon and Amalek,  
    Philistia, with the people of Tyre.  
**8**Even Assyria has joined them  
    to reinforce Lot’s descendants.

**9**Do to them as you did to Midian,  
    as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon,  
**10**who perished at Endor  
    and became like dung on the ground.  
**11**Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb,  
    all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,  
**12**who said, “Let us take possession  
    of the pasturelands of God.”

**13**Make them like tumbleweed, my God,  
    like chaff before the wind.  
**14**As fire consumes the forest  
    or a flame sets the mountains ablaze,  
**15**so pursue them with your tempest  
    and terrify them with your storm.  
**16**Cover their faces with shame, Lord,  
    so that they will seek your name.

**17**May they ever be ashamed and dismayed;  
    may they perish in disgrace.  
**18**Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord -   
    that you alone are the Most High over all the earth.