



## **SERMON NOTES**

January 10, 2016

Scripture: Psalm 81:1-16 (NAS)

Topic: "Unrealized Blessing"

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- 1 Sing for joy to God our strength; Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.
- 2 Raise a song, strike the timbrel, The sweet sounding lyre with the harp.
- 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast day.
- 4 For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
- 5 He established it for a testimony in Joseph When he went throughout the land of Egypt. I heard a language that I did not know:
- 6 "I relieved his shoulder of the burden, His hands were freed from the basket.
- 7 "You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I proved you at the waters of Meribah. Selah.
- 8 "Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you; O Israel, if you would listen to Me!
- 9 "Let there be no strange god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god.
- 10 "I, the LORD, am your God, Who brought you up from the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
- 11 "But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me.
- 12 "So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their heart, To walk in their own devices.
- 13 "Oh that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!
- 14 "I would quickly subdue their enemies And turn My hand against their adversaries.
- 15 "Those who hate the LORD would pretend obedience to Him, And their time of punishment would be forever.
- 16 "But I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, And with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

### **I. GOD'S TRANSFORMING GRACE**

- A. The Apostle Paul
- B. Augustine
- C. John Newton

### **II. GOD'S LAMENT**

- A. The Ruin Of Israel
- B. The Ruin Of His People

### **III. THE OCCASION FOR WHICH THE PSALM WAS WRITTEN**

- A. The Feast Of Tabernacles

- B. The Celebration Of God's Provision

### **IV. ISRAEL'S REBELLION**

- A. Meribah – A Quarrel With God
- B. Idolatry

- C. God Gave Them Over To The Desires Of Their Heart *Romans 1:24-26*

### **V. THE PATH OF DISOBEDIENCE**

- A. It Seems Good At The Time
- B. It Does Not Lead Where We Want To Go *Matthew 6:33*
- C. It Leads To Wasted Lives

### **VI. GOD'S ABUNDANT GRACE**

- A. It Satisfies Our Hunger
- B. It Subdues Our Enemies
- C. It Brings Sweetness in Adversity