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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 81:1-16

If you have ever lived with an adolescent, you will understand the sudden onset of hearing loss that takes place around age thirteen. "You didn't say that" and "You didn't tell me that" become their favorite phrases. Isn't it interesting how easily they project the problem of hearing loss onto someone else? I see you shaking your head in agreement. However, don't you think we sometimes do the same with God?

In Psalm 81 the Israelites certainly had a hearing problem. We can be sure God was not happy about their inability to listen to Him, submit to Him, and follow His instruction. We might think that this issue began with their disobedience due to a lack of submission, but it seems to have begun earlier, when they refused to listen.

When we close our hearing and follow our own devices, we miss out. Just like teenagers who are so preoccupied with themselves that they miss out on the meaningful experiences of family. We miss out of what God is waiting to provide. The Scripture says that God wants them to "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it" (Psalm 81:10).

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