

# Psalm 71:22-23

*Also with the lute I will praise you -- And your faithfulness, O my God! To you I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to you, and my soul, which you have redeemed. NKJV*

*Then I will praise you with music on the harp, because you are faithful to your promises, O God. I will sing for you with a lyre, O Holy One of Israel. I will shout for joy and sing your praises, for you have redeemed me. NLT*

## **Lute:**

Nebel-a skin-bag for liquids (from collapsing when empty); hence, a vase (as similar in shape when full); also a lyre (as having a body of like form)

## **Praise:**

Yadah-to use (i.e. hold out) the hand; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands)

## **Faithfulness:**

'Emeth-stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness

## **Sing:**

Zamar-through the idea of striking with the fingers]; properly, to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music

## **Harp:**

Kinnowr-to twang; a harp: -harp

## **Holy One:**

Qadowsh-sacred (ceremonially or morally); (as noun) God (by eminence), an angel, a saint, a sanctuary

## **Israel:**

Yisra'el-he will rule as God; Jisrael, a symbolical name of Jacob; also (typically) of his posterity: -Israel

## **Lips:**

Saphah-through the idea of termination; the lip (as a natural boundary); by implication, language; by analogy, a margin (of a vessel, water, cloth, etc.)

## **Rejoice:**

Ranan-to creak (or emit a stridulous sound), i.e. to shout (usually for joy)

## **Redeemed:**

Padah-to sever, i.e. ransom; gener. to release, preserve

This psalmist is multi-talented. Not only is he going to play the nebel but also the kinnowr; both being stringed instruments. He gives God two reasons for his worship; one is God's faithfulness and the other is God's redemption.

God's faithfulness is his stability, certainty. It is the fact that he never changes and always does what he says he will do. God's redemption is two fold. Not only does he ransom us, releasing us from bondage, but he also preserves us.

In addition to using his hands to play before the Lord, the psalmist also says he will worship with his lips or words. He says that as he plays his stringed instruments he will shout for joy to the sacred one who rules as God.

**Scripture references:**

Psalm 150:3

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet; praise him with the lute and harp!*

Psalm 36:5

*Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Psalm 89:1

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.*

Psalm 92:2

*To declare your lovingkindness in the morning, and your faithfulness every night...*

Psalm 33:2

*Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to him with an instrument of ten strings.*

Psalm 147:7

*Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God...*

Psalm 51:15

*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth your praise.*

Psalm 63:3

*Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.*

Psalm 119:171

*My lips shall utter praise, for you teach me your statutes.*

Psalm 31:5

*Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*

Psalm 37:28

*For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake his saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.*

Jude 1

*Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ...*

Hebrews 6:18

*...that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*