

**Psalms**  
**Psalm 51:17(15) – Part 16**

**Psalm 51:17 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

The Hebrew words of this verse (there are six words) have been put to music more than once. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWEhIDuMkGc>. (Watch the little boys in the back isle.) These same words are also strategically placed as the introduction to the Amidah (aka Shemona Esrei), the silent devotion which is the central piece of all Hebrew liturgy (and it is easy to see why).

This last Shabbat, Keith Henschen, the Shomair Yisrael Congregational Leader, spoke on giving (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaeKrCTdXvw>). It wasn't your usual message on giving. He said that the command to give is to "give out of your wealth." And what is "wealth?" Scriptural wealth is more than extra zeros to the left of the decimal in your bank account. **Proverbs 8:18 With me are wealth and honor, enduring riches and righteousness.** Here, true wealth is associated with honor and righteousness.

What does all this have to do with our subject verse? God wants to bless His people with a wealth of wisdom. **Jacob 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all without hesitation and without reproach; and it will be given to him.** Wisdom is the proper application of knowledge. Wisdom is the God given ability to take what we know in our heads and apply it to real life situations from a correct heart. **Psalm 51:12(10) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

So, we ask God to open our mouths to declare His praises because He has already opened His hand.... **Psalm 145:16 You open Your hand and satisfy every living thing with favor.** God has favored (blessed) us with a wealth of wisdom. How can we not, then, open our mouths to declare His praises? We are satisfied only in and by Yeshua. Shalom shalom.

Day 30 of the Omer

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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Le 25:19-28

Isa 66

Job 20

Ro 1

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