

DIFFERENT WAYS TO PRAISE THE LORD

Hebrew Words for Praise

Worship is giving to God the glory that is due His name (Ps. 29:2) - *"Give unto the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."*

There are many expressions of worship to the LORD.

I. HALAL (1984)

- A. To be clamorously foolish; to rave; to magnify.
- B. Strong's 01984 - To be boastful; to make a fool of oneself; to act madly; act like a madman.
- C. Scriptures
 - 1. I Chr. 16:4 - *"And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD...to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel."*
 - 2. II Chr. 20:21 - *"And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth forever."*
 - 3. Ps. 150

II. SHAWBAKH (7623)

- A. To laud, boast, congratulate.
- B. Scriptures
 - 1. Ps. 63:3 - *"Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee."*
 - 2. Ps. 117:1 - *"O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people."*

III. YADAH (3034)

- A. To throw out the hands in power.
- B. To throw or to cast down.
- C. Scriptures
 - 1. II Chr. 7:6 - *"And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD..."*
 - 2. Ps. 7:17 - *"I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness..."*

IV. TODAH

- A. To extend the hands in thanks.
- B. Ps. 50:23 - *"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."*

V. ZAWMAR (2167)

- A. To touch the strings of an instrument.
- B. To sing; make music; to play a musical instrument.
- C. Scriptures
 1. Ps. 104:33 - *"I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."*
 2. Ps. 147:7 - *"Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God..."*

VI. BAWKAK (BARAK) (01288)

- A. To kneel and adore God; to bless the Lord.
- B. Ps. 34:1 - Come bless the LORD, O ye children of the LORD...
- C. Ps. 103:1 - Bless the LORD, O my soul...

VII. SAWMAK

- A. To rejoice; brighten up.
- B. To rejoice arrogantly.

VIII. GAWL

- A. To spin under the influence of violent emotion.

IX. TEHILLAH (08416)

- A. To sing spontaneously from the heart; to sing in the Spirit.
- B. To praise; adoration.
- C. Act of general /public praise.
- D. Praise song (Deut. 10:21).
 1. Deut. 10:21 - *"He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen."*
 2. I Chr. 16:35 - *"And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise."*
 3. II Chr. 20:22 - *"And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."*
 4. Ps. 34:1 - *"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."*

X. JUDAH

- A. To extol Jehovah.

XI. RUWA

- A. To shout a war-cry/alarm of battle.
- B. To shout in triumph over enemies.
- C. To shout in applause.

- D. To shout for joy.
- E. Te-ruwah - a great shout.
- F. Scriptures
 1. Jos. 6:5 - walls of Jericho.
 2. I Sam. 4:5 - people shouted when ark brought into camp.

XII. RANAN (7442)

- A. To give a ringing cry in joy, praise.
- B. Ps. 32:11 - *"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."*

OTHER FORMS OF SCRIPTURAL WORSHIP

A. DANCING

1. machowl (maw-khole') (4234)
From 2342 (chuwl) - to twist, whirl, dance.
Ps. 149:3
Jer. 31:13 - *"Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow."*
2. chagag (khaw-gag') - celebration, dance.
3. karar (kaw-rar')- to whirl, dance. David danced before the Lord with all his might.
4. choros (khor-os') NT (5525) - a band (of dancers and singers), circular dance, a dance, dancing. (Prodigal son returning home).

B. CLAPPING THE HANDS

1. Ps. 47:1 - *"O clap your hands all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph."*
2. Ps. 98:8 - *"Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together."*
3. Is. 55:12 - *"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."*

LIFTING UP OF THE HANDS

- Ps. 134:2 - *"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD."*
- Ps. 63:4 - *"Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name."*