

WORDS OF PRAISE

Words and Definitions

Tehillah – to sing in the spirit (this is the only Hebrew word used when the Word of God speaks of the Lord inhabiting our praise.

Psalm 40:3 – And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Psalm 22:3 – But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Psalm 34:1 - I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 66:2 - Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.

Halal – to be clear, to shine, celebrate and rejoice in the Lord with a distinct sound. (Primary root of the word Hallelujah).

Psalm 22:22 - I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psalm 63:5 - My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

Psalm 69:30 - I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 150 – ¹⁾ Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. ²⁾ Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. ³⁾ Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. ⁴⁾ Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. ⁵⁾ Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. ⁶⁾ Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Barak – to bless God as an act of adoration; to kneel expectantly and quietly before Him.

Psalm 145:1 - I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Shabach – to address in a loud tone, to shout, “Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee”

Psalm 117:1 - O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

Psalm 145:4 - One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Psalm 147:12 – Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

Todah – a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that honors God. It is initiated by the believer.

Psalm 100:4 – Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Psalm 42:4-5 – ⁴⁾ When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. ⁵⁾ Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalm 50:23 - Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

Psalm 116:17 - I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

Yadah – to raise and extend the hands unashamedly unto God. “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord.

Psalm 33:2 - Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Psalm 142:7 - Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

Psalm 54:6 - I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.

Zamar – to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, to play upon it and make music, sometimes using the voice.

Psalm 33:2 - Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Psalm 71:22 - Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me.