

# THE POWER OF PRAISE

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**Halal** – “To shine, to boast, overwhelming excitement, to be clamorously foolish”

Psalm 149

Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;  
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music to him with tambourine and  
harp.

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Psalm 22:22

I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.

Psalm 35:18

I will give you thanks in the great assembly;  
among the throngs I will praise you.

Psalm 107:32

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

# Shabach – “To shout with Triumph

## Psalm 63:3

Because Your loving kindness *is* better than life, My lips shall praise You.

*To shout down or to still:*

## Psalm 89:9

You rule the raging of the sea;  
When its waves rise, You still them.

# Yadah - “Extended hands” or “Giving Thanks”

## Psalm 100:4

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

## Psalm 61:8

Then I will ever sing in praise of your name  
and fulfil my vows day after day.

## Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy,  
and with my song I praise him.

# Yadah – “Extended hands” or “Giving Thanks”

## Psalm 42:5-6

Why, my soul, are you downcast?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him,

my Saviour and my God.

My soul is downcast within me;

therefore I will remember you

from the land of the Jordan,

the heights of Hermon – from Mount Mizar.

# Todah – “A confession, a sacrifice of thanksgiving”

## Psalm 42:4

These things I remember

as I pour out my soul:

how I used to go to the house of God

under the protection of the Mighty One<sup>[a]</sup>

with shouts of joy and praise

among the festive throng.

## Psalm 50:23

Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;

And to him who orders his conduct aright

I will show the salvation of God.

# Yadah – “Giving thanks” Todah – “A confession, a sacrifice of thanksgiving”

## Jeremiah 33:11

The voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who will say:

“Praise (Yadah) the LORD of hosts,  
For the LORD *is* good,  
For His mercy *endures* forever”—

*and* of those *who will* bring the sacrifice of praise (Todah) into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captives of the land to return as at the first,’ says the LORD.



# Barak – “to kneel in adoration, to bow”

## Psalm 95:6

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

*Also denotes blessing:*

## Psalm 103

Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits –

# Zamar – “to touch the strings, to give instrumentation”, or “to sing”

## Psalm 144:9

I will sing a new song to you, my God;  
on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music (or sing praises) to you,

## Psalm 57:7

My heart, O God, is steadfast,  
my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make music.

# Tehillah – “to sing a new song from the heart”

Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the LORD;  
    he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
    out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock  
    and gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
    a hymn of praise to our God.

# Tehillah – “to sing a new song from the heart”

## Isaiah 61:3

He has sent me.... to bestow on them a crown of  
beauty

instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy

instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.

2 Chron 20:21-22,26: <sup>21</sup> After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to **sing** to the LORD (Halal – shine, boast in) and to **praise** him (Yadah – extending hands, thanksgiving) for the splendour of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

‘Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures for ever.’

<sup>22</sup> As they began to sing and **praise** (Tehillah - bring a new song from the heart) , the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. <sup>26</sup> On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, where they **praised** (Barak – knelt in adoration) the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Berakah to this day.