

The Heart of Worship
Part 6 – Expressions of Praise

Big Idea: Praise must be EXPRESSED.

Text: Psalm 22:3, Amos 9:11, Acts 15:16, Psalm 67:3, 44:8, 149:1, 3, 9; 56:11-12

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INTRODUCTION

Heart of Worship Series

- Releasing the culture of Heaven on the Earth.
 - **Not creating a culture... releasing Heaven's culture**
 - I encourage you to get our **app**
 - Best way to stay connected with messages

Psalm 22:3 (NASB)

Yet You are holy, O You who are **enthroned** upon the praises of Israel.

- **Enthroned – Inhabit**
 - to occupy a place of settled residence or habitat; live in
- **This is still true today!**
 - Yes, God is omni-present
 - But HE takes up a special residence where HE is BIBLICALLY Praised
 - There is a difference in the...
 - Omni-presence and the Manifest-presence of God.

TENSION

Today we are going to discuss **BIBLICAL expressions** of Praise.

- Most of our scriptures will be from the book of Psalms today.
 - Why? ... because God is restoring the kind of Worship and Praise that King David led the people of God to participate in.

Amos 9:11 (NLT)

“In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory.”

Acts 15:16 (NASB)

“After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it”

We will see CLEARLY today... According to the Bible...

- ***Praise must be EXPRESSED.***

TRUTH/APPLICATION

We have one word for PRAISE.

- The Bible actually has at least 7 words for Praise.
 - So, when you see the word PRAISE in scripture...it will be one of seven different words.

Each of these words describes a different EXPRESSION and helps us gain a greater picture of what praise looks like to us.

1) **YADAH** (found 111 times in Scripture)

- *To revere or worship with extended hands. To hold out the hands. To give thanks, laud, cast praise.*

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).

- The name of **Judah** is derived from this word **Yadah**.
- Jesus, our Lord, our Savior, our King is literally from the tribe of the lifted hand.
 - Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of the Outstretched hand.

Psalm 67:3

May all the peoples praise (*yadah*) you, God; may all the peoples praise (*yadah*) you.

Psalm 44:8

In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise (*yadah*) your name forever.

- If we will *yadah* God forever, shouldn't we start practicing now?
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Lifting our hands in times of praise and worship is one way we can express our praise to God.

2) HALAL

- *To boast. To rave. To shine. To celebrate. To be clamorously foolish.*

Psalm 149:3

Let them praise (halal) his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

- It's a celebration of our God. This word is where we get the basis for the word **hallelujah**.

This concept of HALAL is so embedded into the nature of Praise that it serves as a capstone to the end of the Psalms.

- All of Psalm 150 is about this concept. The last verse of Psalms says...

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise (*halal*) the Lord.

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3) **ZAMAR** (found over 40 times in Scripture)

- *To make music. To celebrate in song and music. To touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument.*

ZAMAR serves as the basis for why we incorporate instruments into our worship settings.

- Music, in whatever form you find it...is a more powerful force than we can imagine. In the context of worship...God set forth a path for which our hearts are opened and music serves as that gateway.
- It opens a door to something deeper...something spiritual. It sets the stage for the Holy Spirit to move in our life.

Psalm 144:9

I will sing a new song to You, o God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises (*zamar*) to You.

Psalm 7:17 (first and third words together)

I will praise (*yadah*) the Lord according to His righteousness, and will sing praise (*zamar*) to the name of the Lord Most High.

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4) TOWDAH

- *An extension of the hand. Thanksgiving. A confession. A sacrifice of praise. Thanksgiving for things not yet received. A choir of worshippers.*

Psalm 56:11-12

In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises (*towdah*) to You.

- *Towdah* is thanking God for what He has already done...while at the same time offering a sacrifice of praise for what we haven't seen come to pass.
- *Towdah* is praising God with expectation.
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5) **BARAK** (found almost 300 times in Scripture)

- *To kneel. To bless God as an act of adoration. To praise. To salute. To thank.*

Psalm 72:11, 15 (NKJV)

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.... and He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also will be made for Him continually, and daily He shall be praised. (*barak*).

- This is a word of humility. A word of recognizing our position in relation to Him...the King of King and the Lord of Lords.
- BARAK is used to describe worshippers falling on their faces before God in reverence, adoration, and thanks.
- It's an act of humility...laying down our egos, our agendas, our desires, our thoughts...

Psalm 103: 1-2,

Praise (*barak*) the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

² Praise (*barak*) the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits

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6) TEHILLAH

- *Enthusiastic praise. Singing public songs of praise. Implies a new song, a spontaneous song.*

Psalm 149:1

Praise (*halal*) the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praises (*tehillah*) in the assembly of the faithful.

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TEHILLAH is WHEN YOUR HEART ENTHUSIASTICALLY SINGS PRAISE WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS.

- It's the public praise that He deserves.
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7) **SHABACH**

- *To address in a loud tone. To shout. To commend, glory, and triumph.*

Psalm 145:4

One generation shall praise (*shabach*) Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts.

- Literally, it means to raise a holy roar.
 - Have you ever heard the roar of victory and triumph in a stadium like the Jones?
 - Tens of thousands of people shouting and declaring their victory in one voice?
 - It's deafening. It's pure elation.
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That's what our praise should become like. It's what our praise will become like.

LANDING

What are some expressions of praise that God is leading you to?

Are you ready for GOD to inhabit our Praises?