# What is Worshiping God III

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Worship / Praise: chavah 2331 (296a); a prim. root; *to tell, declare*: achvah (296a); from 2331a; *a declaration*:---declaration(1) **Praise:** 3034. ידָה yadah (392a); a prim. root; to confess; to praise:-- confess(7), confessed(3), confesses(1), confessing(2), gave praise(1), give thanks(55),

## I. Praise: yadah

**Praise:** Hebrew; Yadah: "to give thanks, laud, praise." A common Hebrew word in all its periods, this verb is an important word in the language of worship. Yadah is found nearly 120 times in the Hebrew Bible, in the Book of Psalms (some 70 times).

The goal of *praise* is threefold. (1) Praise magnifies the Lord. (2) Praise witnesses, testifies, makes known. (3) Praise deepens your gratitude (thankfulness, giving of thanks) for salvation.

1.) Magnifying

Exodus 15:2-3 (NASB 2020) The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name.

\*\*\*Matthew 21:9-16 (NASB 2020) And Jesus \*said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'FROM THE MOUTHS OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF'?"

Hosanna: in Hebrew, it means "to save, save, we pray."

### 2.) Praise / Exclaiming

Psalms 105:1 Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.

\*Isaiah 12:4 (NASB95) And in that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; Make them remember that His name is exalted."

Romans 15:9-11 (NASB 2020) <u>"THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING</u> <u>PRAISES TO YOUR NAME." Again he says, "REJOICE, YOU GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE." And again,</u> "PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

Hebrews 13:15 (NASB 2020) <u>Through Him then, let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips</u> praising His name.

#### 3.) Praise / Thankfulness

Genesis 29:35 (NASB 2020) And she (Laban) conceived again and gave birth to a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she named him Judah (Praise).

Leviticus 19:23-24 (NASB 2020) 'Now when you enter the land and plant all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as forbidden. For three years, it shall be forbidden to you; it shall not be eaten. And in the fourth year, all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

James 5:13 (NASB 2020) Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

# II. Worship/Praise in Truth

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Mark 7:6-7 (NASB 2020) <u>But He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:</u> 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. AND IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME...

James 3:8-10 (NASB 2020) But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way.

Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV) But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Justified: <u>1344 δικαιόω [dikaioo /dik-ah-yo-o/]</u> to render righteous or such he ought to be. 2 to show, exhibit, evince, one to be

righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered. **3** to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.

Condemned: 2613 δικάζω, καταδικάζω [katadikazo /kat·ad·ik·ad·zo/] 1 to give judgment against (one), to pronounce guilty.

James 3:2 (NASB95) For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

James 3:6 (NASB95) <u>And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which</u> defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

Defiles: 5071 σπιλόω (*spiloō*): vb.; ≡ Str 4695—LN 79.58 spot; (pass.) be stained, be defiled, be corrupted.

Course: 5580 τροχός (trochos), οῦ (ou), ὁ (ho): n.masc.; 1. course, pattern of events...

\*\*\*Jude 9 (NKJV) <u>Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not</u> bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.

They speak of what they really do not know or what they only see in the natural and by doing so they corrupts themselves.

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV) <u>Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth...</u> Ephesians 4:31 (NKJV) <u>Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.</u>

**Bitterness: 4088** πικρία [*pikria* /pik·**ree**·ah/] **1** bitter gall, extreme wickedness. **Bitter gall:** brazen boldness coupled with impudent assurance and insolence.

Clamor: 3199 κραυγή (*kraugē*), ῆς (*ēs*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; shout; verbal brawl.

Malice: 2549 κακία [kakia /kak·ee·ah/] 1 malignity, malice, ill-will, desire to injure.

Proverbs 24:17-18 (NASB95) Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see it and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him.

Psalm 1:1 (NKJV) <u>Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly. Nor stands in the path of sinners. Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;</u>

Scornful: 3887 מ ליץ [luwts /loots/] to scorn, make mouths at, talk arrogantly.

#### III. Just Praise God!

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NASB 2020) Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalms 105:1-2 (AMP) <u>PRAISE THE Lord!</u> (Hallelujah!) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy and lovingkindness endure forever! Who can put into words and tell the mighty deeds of the Lord? Or who can show forth all the praise [that is due Him]?

\*\*Psalms 150:1-6 (NASB 2020) Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.