

Worshiping a King

Involves an outward expression

1. Palal—To Intervene, to intercede, to meditate, to judge, to pray.

Palal occurs 82 times in the Old Testament.

2. Barak—To kneel, to bless God, to bow down.

Psalm 72:12–15 (NASB95)

12 For he will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper.

13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save.

14 He will rescue their life from oppression and violence, and their blood will be precious in his sight;

15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them **pray** for him continually; Let them **bless** him all day long.

~Barak appears 289 times in the Old Testament.

~Barak means to bow down to, or kneel before, the Lord. It communicates that the Lord holds a place of importance and helps us remember just how great He is.

Genesis 24:42–48 (NASB95)

42 “So I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now You will make my journey on which I go successful;

43 behold, I am standing by the spring, and may it be that the maiden who comes out to draw, and to whom I say, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar”;

44 and she will say to me, “You drink, and I will draw for your camels also”; let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder, and went down to the spring and drew, and I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’

46 “She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will water your camels also’; so I drank, and she watered the camels also.

47 “Then I asked her, and said, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him’; and I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her wrists.

48 “And I bowed low and worshiped the LORD, and **blessed** the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had guided me in the right way to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

~Barak is not done out of a begging attitude but rather an expectant attitude, because the Lord is more than willing and able to move on our behalf.

3. Halal— To be clear, to shine, to boast, to show, to rave, to celebrate, to be clamorously foolish.

1 Chronicles 16:4–6 (NASB95)

4 He appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to celebrate and to thank and **praise** the LORD God of Israel:

5 Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals,

6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests blew trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

~Halal appears 140 times in the Old Testament.

~Halal translates as to shine, boast, rave about, celebrate or even to be clamorously foolish.

2 Samuel 22:1–4 (NASB95)

1 And David spoke the words of this song to the LORD in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 He said, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge; My savior, You save me from violence.

4 “I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be **praised**, and I am saved from my enemies.

~Can you imagine a more wondrous noise raving about all the Lord is and all He has done?

Psalm 22:22–23 (NASB95)

22 I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the **midst of the assembly** I will **praise** You.

23 You who fear the LORD, **praise** Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants of Israel.

What is keeping you from worshiping the Lord in these ways?

- You don't know or understand what the Lord has done for you
- You don't know the Lord
- It embarrasses you.