

## SEVEN HEBREW WORDS OF PRAISE

### 1. Yadah

To revere or worship with extended hands, to hold out the hands as in throwing or casting a stone or shooting an arrow; to give thanks.

Psalm 145:10 *"All your works praise (yadah) You Lord..."*

### 2. Halal

To boast, to rave, to shine, to celebrate, to be clamorously foolish, to make a fool of or act madly, like a madman.

Psalm 150:6 *"Let everything that has breath praise (halal) the Lord! Praise the Lord"*

### 3. Zamar

To make music, to celebrate in song or music. To touch strings or parts of a musical instrument; to make music accompanied by the voice; to celebrate in song and music.

Psalm 7:17 *"I will (yadah) [extend my hands] to the Lord according to His righteousness. And I will sing (zamar) to the name of the Lord Most High."*

### 4. Tehillah

A laudation, a new song, a spontaneous song or hymn of adoration, public praise, renown, praise demanded by qualities, deeds or attributes of God.

Psalm 22:3 *"You are holy, enthroned in the praises (tehillah) of your people."*

### 5. Towdah

Also translated as thank offerings, thanksgiving, thanks- means an extension of the hand, a confession, a sacrifice of praise; **thanksgiving for things not yet received.**

Psalm 56:11-12 *"In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? ... I will render praises (towdah) to You."*

### 6. Barak

To kneel or to bless God as an act of adoration- to praise, to salute, to thank.

Psalm 72:11 *"Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve Him."*

### 7. Shabach

To address in a loud tone, to laud, to glory. To shout, commend, glory and triumph.

Psalm 117:1 *"Praise(halal) the Lord, all nations; praise, laud (shabach) Him, all peoples!"*

*"Often our reserved temperament is little more than fear of what others will think of us or perhaps an unwillingness to humble ourselves before God and others. Of course, people have different temperaments, but that must never keep us from worshipping with our whole being."* Richard Foster