

7 Hebrew Words for Praise - Pastor Zach Prosser

Psalm 154

Creation has been worshipping from the beginning of time. Creation worships His mighty acts because it has *seen* them, but we worship because we have *experienced* them.

- ❖ **Barak** – v.1 - *I will extol you, my God and King, and BLESS Your name forever and ever*
 - To kneel down in adoration (having a deep love and respect demonstrated in giving honor [public esteem]); to raise up; exalt; magnify
 - Psalm 95:6, Psalm 34:1, 1 Chronicles 29:20
- ❖ **Halal** – v.2 - *and PRAISE Your name forever and ever*
 - To rave and to celebrate foolishly – extremely demonstrative worship, both loud and physical being, to radiate/shine
 - Psalm 119:164; Psalm 150
 - Praise was never about comfort or dignity, it requires a physical response
 - Can you think of an example of a Halal in nature? In your own worship?
- ❖ **Shabach** – v.4 – *One generation shall COMMEND (Praise) Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts*
 - Shout with a loud voice
 - Psalm 117:1, Psalm 147:12
 - How can our praise impact future generations?
- ❖ **Yadah** – v.10 – *All Your works shall give THANKS to You, O Lord, and all Your saits shall bless You!*
 - To declare, confess, to throw or lift up hands
 - Psalm 107:15, 2 Chronicles 20:21, Genesis 29:35
 - **Psalm 63:3-5** - *Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will PRAISE (Shabach) you. So I will BLESS (Barak) you as long as I live; in your name I will LIFT UP MY HANDS (Yadah). My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will PRAISE (Halal) you with joyful lips*
- ❖ **Tehillah** – v.21 – *My mouth will speak the PRAISE of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.*
 - Derived from “Halal;” singing of the halals; to sing; hymns; accompanied by music; spontaneous song of the Spirit
 - Psalm 22:3, Isaiah 61:3, Psalm 100:4, 1 Corinthians 14:15, Ephesians 5:18-20
 - Can “songs of the Spirit” be something other than tongues? If so, how?
- ❖ **Zamar**
 - To sing, to praise with a musical instrument; to pluck the strings of an instrument; joyful singing with instruments
 - Psalm 146:1-2, Psalm 91:1
 - Is singing a requirement for worship? How can we worship without singing?
- ❖ **Towdah**
 - From the word Yadah; and extension of the hand in adoration, thanking God for things not received; to praise with a choir or procession; Sacrificial Thanksgiving
 - Psalm 42:4, Psalm 95:2