

GIVING GOD THE PRAISE HE DESERVES



Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”
Hebrews 12:28-29 NIV

SEVEN HEBREW WORDS FOR PRAISE:

1. YADAH

- To worship with extended hands; to throw out hands in thanksgiving or surrender.

*All your works praise (yâdâh) you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you. Psalm 145:10*

*May the peoples praise (yâdâh) you, God;
may all the peoples praise (yâdâh) you.
Psalm 67:3*

*Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray,
lifting up holy hands without anger or
disputing. 1 Timothy 2:8 NIV*

2. TOWDAH

- An extension of the hand in adoration, specifically a sacrifice of praise or thanksgiving for things not yet received.

*Whoever offers praise (towdah) glorifies Me;
and to him who orders his conduct aright I will
show the salvation of God.”*

Psalm 50:23 NKJV

3. HALAL

- To boast, shine, make a show, rave, celebrate, be clamorously foolish.

*I will praise (halal) God's name in song and
glorify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30 NIV*

4. SHABACH

- To shout, address in a loud tone, or triumphantly praise.

*Because Your lovingkindness is better than
life, my lips shall praise (shabach) You.
Psalm 63:3 NKJV*

*Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to
God with cries of joy. Psalm 47:1 NIV*

5. BARAK

- To kneel, bow, or bless God as an act of adoration.

*Praise (barak) the Lord, my soul; all my
inmost being, praise (barak) his holy name.
Psalm 103:1 NIV*

*For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ...
Ephesians 3:14 NKJV*

6. ZAMAR

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

I will sing a new song to You, O God; on a harp of ten strings I will sing praises (Zamar) to You. Psalm 144:9 NKJV

7. TEHILLAH (Teh-hil-ah)

- A song of praise; a new song, a spontaneous song or hymn of the Spirit.

*But You are holy, enthroned in the praises
(Tehillah) of Israel. Psalm 22:3 NKJV*

*Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to
the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1 NIV*

Greek “Proskuneo” -- “To bow down, to prostrate oneself, to kiss the hand of a superior.”