

## Praise, Thanksgiving, and Worship

### DEFINITIONS

Greek, epainos

Thayer Definitions

- 1) approbation, commendation, praise

**Matthew 21:14-16**

*And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant <sup>16</sup> and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus \*said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself'?"*

- 2) Thanksgiving: Strongs: eucharistia

From G2170; gratitude; actually grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): - thankfulness, (giving of) thanks (-giving).

**Colossians 4:2**

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;*

- 3) Worship: proskuneō Thayer Definition:

1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand)

2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence

3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication

**Matthew 4:8-10**

*Again, the devil \*took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; <sup>9</sup> and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus \*said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"*

### HEBREW DEFINITIONS

**Halal** to praise, hence to make a show; to boast; and thus to be (clamorously) foolish; to rave; causatively to celebrate; also to stultify: - (make) boast (self), celebrate, commend, (deal, make), fool (-ish, -ly), glory, give [light], be (make, feign self) mad (against), give in marriage, [sing, be worthy of] praise, rage, renowned, shine.

**2 Samuel 22:4**

*I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.*

- a. Halal is where we get the word hallelujah, “praise to God”
- b. Halal is also used to describe someone insane.

**1 Samuel 21:13**

*So he disguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely (halal) in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard.*

Yadah, Praise A primitive root; used only as denominative from H3027; literally to use (that is, hold out) the hand; physically to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively to bemoan (by wringing the hands): - cast (out), (make) confess (-ion), praise, shoot, (give) thank (-ful, -s, -sgiving).

**Genesis 29:35**

*And she conceived again and bore a son and said, “This time I will praise (yadah) the Lord.” Therefore she named him Judah (praise).*

- a. Also translated “give Thanks”

**Psalms. 118:1**

*Give thanks (yadah) to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.*

Worship: shâchâh A primitive root; to depress, that is, prostrate (especially reflexively in homage to royalty or God): - bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.

**Psalms 95:6-7**

*Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
<sup>7</sup> For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.*

**Praise and thanksgiving are a continuation of each other.**

**Hebrews 13:15**

*Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.*

**Praise, thanksgiving, and worship are responses to God and what He has done for us.**

1. He hears and answers our prayers.

**Philippians 4:6**

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

2. He has qualified us for the inheritance.

**Colossians 1:12**

*Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.*

3. He always causes us to win.

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

*But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.*

4. He inhabits/is enthroned in our praises.

**Psalms 22:3**

*Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.*

5. He makes the enemy stop.

**Matthew 21:16**

6. And said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus \*said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself?’”

**Psalms 8:2**

7. From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

**Psalms 149:1-9**

*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints. <sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. <sup>3</sup> Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp. <sup>4</sup> For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. <sup>5</sup> Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds. <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, <sup>7</sup> To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; <sup>8</sup> To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; <sup>9</sup> To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!*

**Acts 16:23-26**

*And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.*

Those who understand the New Covenant, should be and are the greatest praisers, thankers, and worshippers, because they know the truth of how much Jesus has done for them.

**Matthew 15:7-9**

*Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "*

- i. **In vain** *mateñ* folly, that is, (adverbially) to no purpose: - in vain. Strongs

**John 4:23-24 23**

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

**We, those who believe in Jesus, are the "true worshippers".**