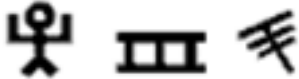


I. Why we do Praise & Prayer together

A. *Worship* in the modern western thought means **singing/music**. *Worship/Praise* in the Hebrew thinking meant **Being complete and connected to the breath of God**.

a. Hebrew pictograph for the word Worship/Praise:



B. Romans 12:1 – Offer our lives in worship to be complete and connected to the Lord

C. 1 Chronicles 15:16 ~ when moving the arch – the tangible presence of the Lord

a. ¹⁶ David also commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brothers as the singers who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

D. 1 Chronicles 16:4 ~ a tabernacle is built to house the arch

a. ⁴ Then he appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, to invoke, to thank, and to praise the LORD, the God of Israel.

E. Isaiah 6:1-4

a. In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

F. Revelation 5:8 – Music and Prayer together

a. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

G. In Matthew 6:9-15, Jesus shows us how to pray – **On earth as it is in heaven**. From what we see from scriptures, we see music and prayer surrounded the throne of God, day and night, unending!

II. Hebrew words and definitions of Praise [Worship]

A. **BARAK** = *to bow down*

a. Psalm 95:6, Oh come, let us **worship** and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

b. We first see this idea of *Barak* in Genesis, where God bends down and blesses dust as He creates Adam and Eve. God comes down low, bows down and gives of Himself.

- B. **TODAH** = [thanksgiving] *to lift your hands*
- Psalm 50:23, “The one who offers **thanksgiving** as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”
 - Today – to lift your hands as an act of praise no matter what you are feeling. Today is an act of obedience to the Lord.
- C. **YADAH** = *to lift your hands*
- Psalm 138:1, “I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your **praise**”
 - Yadah is to lift our hands as an act of praise with our whole heart. Yadah is a posture of the heart.
 - Only God can tell the difference between our TODAY and our YADAH but both bless the Lord! Whether we praise out of obedience or a move of the heart, God is pleased by both!
- D. **HALEL/HALAL** = one who has seen great authority/ to act like a maniac or like you have lost your mind because you have seen something so great
- Psalm 22:22, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will **praise** you”
 - Halel – to run, scream, sing, shout, dance because you have seen the great authority of God and you cannot contain yourself.
 - Hallel**ujah** – [ujah] is a part of God’s name
- E. **ZAMAR** = to sing on/through your instrument
- Psalm 147:7, “Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!”
 - Musician → NATSACH = One who glitters with sound
- F. **TEHILLAH** = a new, spontaneous song that only you can sing
- Psalm 22:3, “Yet you are holy, enthroned on the **praises** of Israel.”
 - The Hebrew people call the book of The Psalms = Tehillum
 - God dwells in the praises of Tehillah, our individual spontaneous song.
 - We see examples of Tehillah in many places in scripture
 - Miriam – Exodus 15:20-21
 - Moses – at the end of his life -
 - David – 7 times a day David would stop and he would sing a spontaneous song (where we get many of the Psalms)
 - Mary, mother of Jesus
 - Paul
 1. Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual songs (your Tehillah)
 - Revelation 5:9 – sign a **new song**