

A Theology of Praise

Insights from Psalms

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Seven Hebrew Words for Praise:

- 1. Yadah** יָדָה Ps. 67:3
def: to revere or worship with extended hands, to hold out hands,
to throw a stone or arrow
- 2. Halal** הָלַל Ps. 149:3, 150:1-6
def: to boast, to rave, to shine, to celebrate, to be clamorously foolish
- 3. Tehillah** תְּהִלָּה Ps. 22:1-5
def: a new or spontaneous song of praise
- 4. Towdah** תּוֹדָה Ps. 20:6-8, 56:10-12
def: an extension of the hand, thanksgiving, a confession,
a sacrifice of praise for things not yet received
- 5. Zamar** זָמַר Ps. 3:1-4, 21:13, 57:8-9
def: to pluck the strings of an instrument,
joyful expressions of praise with musical instruments
- 6. Barak** בָּרַךְ Ps. 72:11-15
def: to kneel, to bless God as an act of adoration, to thank, to salute
- 7. Shabach** שָׁבַח Ps. 117:1-2
def: to address in a loud tone, to shout, to commend, to triumph