

PRAYER STUDY #52  
"Biblical Words for Praise"

*Let everything that has breathe, praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6*

The following was taken from *Praise and Worship: Becoming Worshipers of God* by A.L. and Joyce Gill.

1. **Halal:** Halal is the most frequently used word translated as praise. It occurs 160 times in the Old Testament. It means to make a show, to boast, to celebrate, to rave about, to glory in, and to shine. True praise should have a clear and distinct sound. There should be no confusion as to what is intended. It is a note of celebration, a boasting in the Lord.  
*Psalm 22:22-I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.*
2. **Tehillah:** The emphasis of the word tehillah is on singing. It is used 57 times in the Old Testament. It means to sing forth a clear song of Praise to God.  
*Psalm 119:171-My lips shall utter praise, for You teach me your Statutes.*
3. **Shabach:** Shabach means to shout with loud voice in triumph and victory.  
*Psalm 47:1-Oh, clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with the voice of triumph.*
4. **Zamar:** Zamar means to touch or play the strings and also has the sense of singing praise to the accompaniment of musical instruments.  
*Psalm 108:1-3-O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give Praise, even with my glory. Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.*
5. **Yadah:** Yadah means to give forth a confession of thanks and also has the thought of giving thanks with the hands extended towards God. It implies submission to God.  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:3- When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshipped and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever.*

6. **Towdah:** Towdah means the extension of the hands in adoration and thanksgiving and sacrifice by acknowledgement in reverence.  
*Psalm 50:23-Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; and to him who orders his conduct aright, I will show the salvation of God.*
7. **Barak:** Barak means to kneel in adoration. To kneel before someone is to manifest humility and to demonstrate their superior worth and position.  
*Psalm 95:6b-let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.*
8. **Shachah:** Shachah means to bow one's self down low before God in worship and adoration. It also expressed an attitude of the heart, even if the person's body was not prostrated.  
*Psalm 95:6a-Oh come, let us worship and bow down.*
8. **Aineo:** Aineo means a praise offering or celebration or a lifting of the voice in thanks.  
*Luke 19:37-Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen.*
9. **Epaino:** Epaino means to applaud.  
*1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:7-That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it be tested by fire, may be found in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
10. **Eulogeo:** This word means to speak well of.  
*Luke 1:64-Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.*
11. **Doxa:** Doxa means glorious. It denotes more of the atmosphere created by worship than the physical expressions.  
*John 9:24a-So they again called the man who was blind, and said to Him, "Give God the glory!"*
11. **Proskuneo:** Proskuneo means to prostrate oneself in homage.  
*Matthew 2:2-Saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*