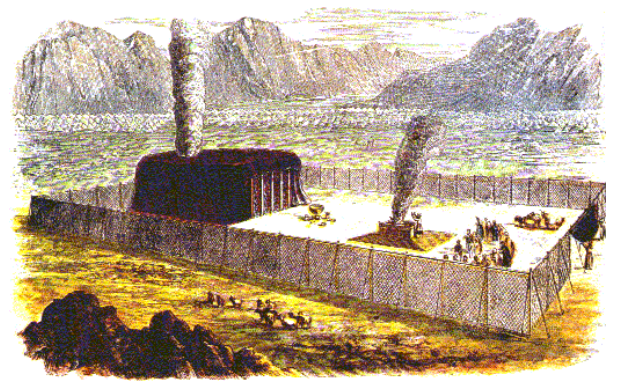
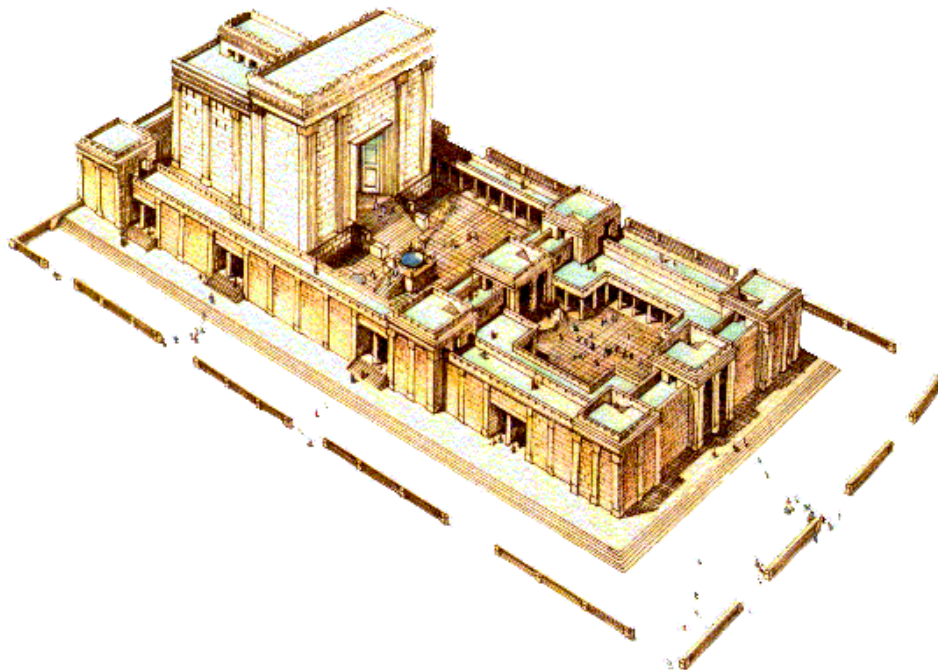


Praise



And

Worship



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Praise

I. Words translated *Praise*.*

A. Hebrew

1. הלל = hillulim = praises, thanksgivings

Leviticus 19:24 'But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, an offering of praise to the LORD.

2. מדהלל = mahalal = praise

Proverbs 27:21 The crucible is for silver and the furnace for gold, And each *is tested* by the praise accorded him.

3. תהלה = tehillah = psalm

Deuteronomy 10:21 "He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen.

Psalms 71:6 By You I have been sustained from *my* birth; You are He who took me from my mother's womb; My praise is continually of You.

Psalms 71:8 My mouth is filled with Your praise And with Your glory all day long.

4. תודה = todah = confession / thanksgiving

Psalms 56:12 Your vows are *binding* upon me, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

5. בר = barak = to bless

Psalms 72:15 So may he live, and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long.

6. הלל = halal = praise (from which comes the English word *halalujah*)

2 Samuel 14:25 Now in all Israel was no one as handsome as Absalom, so highly praised; from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no defect in him.

1 Chronicles 23:5 and 4,000 *were* gatekeepers, and 4,000 *were* praising the LORD with the instruments which David made for giving praise.

1 Chronicles 23:30 They are to stand every morning to thank and to praise the LORD, and likewise at evening,

7. זמר = zamar = to give praise

Psalms 21:13 Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; We will sing and praise Your power.

8. ידה = yadah = to stretch out the hand, confess

Genesis 29:35 And she conceived again and bore a son and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she named him Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

2 Chronicles 20:21 When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who sang to the LORD and those who praised (*halal*) *Him* in holy attire, as they went out before the army and said, "Give thanks to the LORD, for His lovingkindness is everlasting."

9. שבח = shabach = glorify

Psalms 63:3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You.

* All Scripture is from the *New American Standard Bible*.

10. שְׁבַח = shebach = give praise

Daniel 2:23 “To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king’s matter.”

B. Greek

1. αἴνεσις = ainesis = proclaim the praise of someone

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.

2. αἶνος = ainos = praise

Matthew 21:16 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?’”

Luke 18:43 Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

3. ἀρετή = arete = moral excellence, virtue

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God’s OWN POSSESSION*, so that you may proclaim the **excellencies** of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

4. δόξα = doxa = glory, brightness, splendor, radiance, magnificence, splendor, honor

John 9:24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give **glory** to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”

John 12:43 for they loved the **approval** of men rather than the approval of God.

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so* as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves *is to do so* as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the **glory** and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

5. ἔπαινος = epainos = praise, approval, recognition

Romans 2:29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

6. εὐλογέω = eulogia = to speak well of (lit. “good word”)

Luke 1:64 And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue *loosed*, and he *began* to speak in praise of God.

7. αἰνέω = aineo = to praise (in the NT used only in praise of God)

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Acts 3:8, 9 With a leap he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God;

8. ὑμνέω = hymneo = to sing hymns of praise

Acts 16:25 But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

Hebrews 2:12 saying, “I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.”

II. Observations:

A. Praise takes many forms:

1. Thanksgiving, e.g., hillulim, todah
 - a. All thanksgiving is a form of praise.
 - b. Not all praise is thanksgiving
2. Confession, e.g., todah, yadah
 - a. Confessing our own sins exalts God by contrast
 - b. Confessing our own sins forces us to recognize our need for God, which makes us praise Him more.
3. Praise is good and right by itself
 - a. God is worthy of our praise, i.e., simple adoration
 - b. Our western culture makes this kind of praise uncomfortable for most people. This is a habit we must force ourselves to learn. God is worthy.
 - c. Only God is rightfully worthy to be praised.
4. Praise can be with or without musical instruments (any or all instruments)
 - a. II Chron. 5:13; notice that the instruments were used and His presence was there, i.e., the cloud
 - b. Psalm 150

III. Reasons for Praise

- A. Children
- B. Victory over enemies
- C. Salvation
- D. Great things God has done
- E. God told us to
- F. Morning and evening
- G. Thanksgiving
- H. God's goodness
- I. God's lovingkindness
- J. God's strength and power
- K. God meets the needs of His people
- L. Praise is becoming to the upright (Ps. 33:1)
- M. God's presence
- N. God's righteousness
- O. God's faithfulness
- P. Creation
- Q. God's holiness
- R. Life

S. God's Law

T. Having a covenant people

U. Healing

V. That we may know Him

W. Having been filled with the fruit of righteousness

X. Eternal life

Y. Just because (God is worthy)

Worship

Our English word *Worship* means “**worth-ship**” i.e., the worthiness of someone or something to receive special honor in accordance with that worth.

I. Definitions of Worship

A. Hebrew

1. שָׁגַד = Segad = to bow down (only used in Daniel)

Daniel 3:5 that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

2. אָבַד = Abad = to serve

2 Kings 10:19-23 “Now, summon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live.” But Jehu did it in cunning, so that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal. And Jehu said, “Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal.” And they proclaimed *it*. Then Jehu sent throughout Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into the house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other. He said to the one who *was* in charge of the wardrobe, “Bring out garments for all the worshipers of Baal.” So he brought out garments for them. Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshipers of Baal, “Search and see that there is here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshipers of Baal.”

3. שָׁחָה = shachah = to bow down (the most common word in the OT for worship)

Genesis 22:5 Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go over there; and we will worship and return to you.”

Exodus 34:14 --for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God—

2 Kings 17:16 They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, *even* two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.

Jeremiah 7:2 “Stand in the gate of the LORD’S house and proclaim there this word and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship the LORD!’”

Zechariah 14:17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

B. Greek

1. εὐσεβέω = eusebeo = to be reverent, respectful, devout

Acts 17:23 “For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, ‘TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.’ Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.

2. θρησκεία = threskeia = religious observance or service

Colossians 2:18 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on *visions* he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,

3. λατρεύω = latreuo = public worship, religious duties

Acts 7:42 “But God turned away and delivered them up to **serve** the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?’

Philippians 3:3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

Hebrews 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

4. προσκυνέω = proskuneo = to kiss the hand, fall down & worship (most common NT word for worship)

Matthew 2:2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 28:17 When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful.

Acts 7:43 ‘YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.’

1 Corinthians 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

Revelation 22:9 But he said to me, “Do not do that. I am a fellow servant of yours and of your brethren the prophets and of those who heed the words of this book. Worship God.”

5. σέβομαι = sebomai = to venerate

Romans 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

II. History of Worship

A. Before the Law

B. The Tabernacle

C. The Temple

D. The Church

1. Before 70 AD

2. After 70 AD

III. Purpose of Worship

To pay homage to the greatness and majesty of God. Rev. 4 & 5

IV. The Posture of Worship

A. Lifting up holy hands

Psalms 141:2 May my prayer be counted as incense before You; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

Lamentations 2:19 “Arise, cry aloud in the night At the beginning of the night watches; Pour out your heart like water Before the presence of the Lord; Lift up your hands to Him For the life of your little ones Who are faint because of hunger At the head of every street.”

1 Timothy 2:8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

B. Prostrate

Deuteronomy 9:18 “I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you had committed in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD to provoke Him to anger.

1 Kings 18:39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God."

C. Kneeling

Luke 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray,

Acts 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 9:40 But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Acts 20:36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

D. Standing

1 Kings 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven.

Mark 11:25 "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

Hebrews 10:11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

E. Sitting

1 Chronicles 17:16 Then David the king went in and sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house that You have brought me this far?"

F. The mode of standing with head bowed did not appear until the 8th century AD.

G. Worship is not a position, it is a condition.

V. The Content of Worship John 4:19-24

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."