

**Come Let Us Adore Him part 2- "The Ways We Praise"  
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**CORE: Honoring, adoring, praising, & worshipping God—NOT optional activities for "emotional" people. Rather, they are CORE, FOUNDATIONAL LIFESTYLES of POWERFUL PEOPLE—people who are climate-changers, culture-shifters, & history-makers!**

- **The strongest LEADERS (i.e., those who influence others)—are WORSHIPERS. Jeremiah 30:21- The leaders who "arise from among them" are those who "devote (themselves) to be close to Me."**
- **He seeks worshippers (those close to Him)—not just "worship"**
- **Leonard Ravenhill- *"Those who are intimate with God won't be intimidated by people."***

**This is such an IMPORTANT ISSUE, there are 6 PRIMARY WORDS in the Bible used to describe 6 UNIQUE EXPRESSIONS OF "PRAISE":  
(Here they are in ascending order):**

**#6- "SHOUT" (Hebrew- "Shabach")**

***"To boldly rejoice, declare, commend"***

***Psalm 47:1- "Clap your hands...shout unto God with a voice of triumph!"***

***Psalm 63:3- "Because your love is better than life, my lips will praise (shabach) You!"***

***Psalm 47:5- "God arises with the ear-splitting praises (shabach) of His people!"  
(TPT)***

*(NOTE: With shouts of praise—Joshua's army brought down the walls of Jericho; King Nebuchadnezzar had his sanity restored; King David restored the ark to Israel; Daniel received revelation of the king's dream)*

**#5- "THANKSGIVING" (Hebrew- "Todah")**

***"To appreciate the LORD for WHO He IS (not just for what He's done)"***

***Psalm 50:23- "He who sacrifices a thank-offering honors Me and prepares the way for Me to show him My salvation." (ESV)***

***(TPT) "The life that pleases Me is a life lived in the gratitude of grace...as you do this, more of My salvation will unfold for you."***

**"Todah" (thanksgiving praise) is expressed through extended hands—a demonstration of EXPECTANCY for that which is NOT YET VISIBLE.**

#### **#4- “SING” (Hebrew- “Tehillah” & “Zamar”)**

*Also translated: “To make music; ascribe to the LORD (i.e., a wide array of creative expressions)”*

- Spontaneous songs, poetry, artwork
- Instrumental expressions (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup> trip to Haiti—van ride with pastors)
- Prophetic dance, flags, etc.

*Psalm 22:3- “God inhabits (reveals Himself) in the praises (tehillah) of His people.”*

#### **#3- “BLESS” (Hebrew- “Barak”)**

*“Honor & appreciation & trust often expressed through kneeling, bowing low, laying prostrate”*

*Psalm 103- “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits...”*

**NOTE: WE bless HIM!!!**

#### **#2- “PRAISE”- (Hebrew- “Yadah”)**

*“To worship by extending your hands” (i.e., talk w/ our hands)*

*Psalm 63:4- “I will lift up my hands unto Your name!”*

*Psalm 134:2- “Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord!”*

*1 Timothy 2:8- “I desire that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands.”*

- Powerful expression of trust (“You are above all of this!”)
- International sign of surrender
- Childlike expression: “I want to be near You!” & “I receive Your love for me!”

#### **#1- “HALLELUJAH” (used over 200 times in the Bible)**

*“To celebrate, rave about—even to the point of appearing clamorously foolish”*

*Psalm 84:4- “Blessed are those who dwell in Your house—they are ever praising You!”*

*Psalm 113:3- “From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets—the name of the Lord is to be praised.” (i.e., in every time and place)*

*Psalm 119:164- “Seven times a day I praise You for Your righteous laws!”*

***(NOTE: Story behind George Frederick Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus")***

- **In 1741 (age 57)—hopelessly in debt and deeply depressed**
- **A poet, Charles Jenners, gave Handel a series of poems based on Isaiah's prophecies of Jesus**
- **The revelation that Jesus was "despised and rejected by men" powerfully touched Handel's soul**
- **Then, through a series of encounters with the presence of the Lord, he experienced the "Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace"**
- **He remained in seclusion for 24 days. During this time, Handel would later write: "I saw all of Heaven before me, and the Great God Himself."**

"Hallelujah"—the only word that is the same in any language—is a full-orbed response to revelation. "Hallelujah" looks in many directions:

- It looks back—to see all that Christ has accomplished
- It looks ahead—to all He has promised
- It looks upward—to see God enthroned in the Heavens
- It looks downward—to see the devil defeated and terrified
- It looks inward—to see our fears diminished and our faith established
- It looks outward—in readiness, to see His Kingdom come to earth!

***-Jack Taylor, The Hallelujah Factor***