

DRAWING NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH PRAISE

God's address is found in Ps 100:4-- Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with PRAISE.

Study the seven Hebrew words for "PRAISE" (which are translated into our one English word) for greater understanding of how to draw near to God through praise:

1. **HALAL** - to be clear, shine, boast, rave, laud, celebrate, dance, leap, to be clamorously foolish, with reckless abandon
 - Ps 69:30 NLT-- I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor Him with thanksgiving.
 - 1Chron 16:4; Ps 56:3,4,10; Ps 84:4; Ps 102:18; Ps 113:3; Ps 119:164; Ps 150
2. **YADAH** - to worship with extended hands, to throw out the hands giving thanks to God, lifting hands in surrender, commending a blessing with hands. This is the opposite of wringing the hands.
 - Ps 107:8 KJV-- Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!
 - 2 Chron 20:21; Ps 9:1; Ps 52:9; Ps 107:8,15,21,31; Ps 139:14; Ps 145:10
3. **BARAK** - to kneel, bless, salute, bow.
 - Ps 95:6-- Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker
 - Job 1:21; Ps 96:2; Ps 103:1-2, 20-22
4. **TEHILLAH** - To sing with, by, or in the Spirit, the singing of "hallals"
 - Ps 147:1 NIV-- Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!
 - 2 Chron 20:22. Ps 22:3, Ps 40:3, Ps 51:15, Ps 144:9, Ps 149:3, Is 61:3
5. **ZAMAR** - to touch the strings, playing instruments
 - Ps 149:3 NLT-- Praise His name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp.
 - 1Chron 16:9, Ps 7:17, Ps 9:2, Ps 57:8-9, Ps 61:8, Ps 66:2-4, Ps 98:5, Ps 135:3
6. **SHABACH** - to proclaim in a loud voice, shout, commend, bless.
 - Ps 117:1 NAS--Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him, all peoples!
 - Ps 47:1, Ps 63:3, Ps 65:7, Ps 89:9, Ps 106:47, Ps 137:12, Ps 145:4
7. **TOWDAH** - to extend the hands in a sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving, and faith.
 - Ps.50:23 NIV— He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.
 - Ps 26:7, Ps 42:4, 50:14, Ps 56:12, Ps 69:30, Ps 95:2, Ps 109:22