

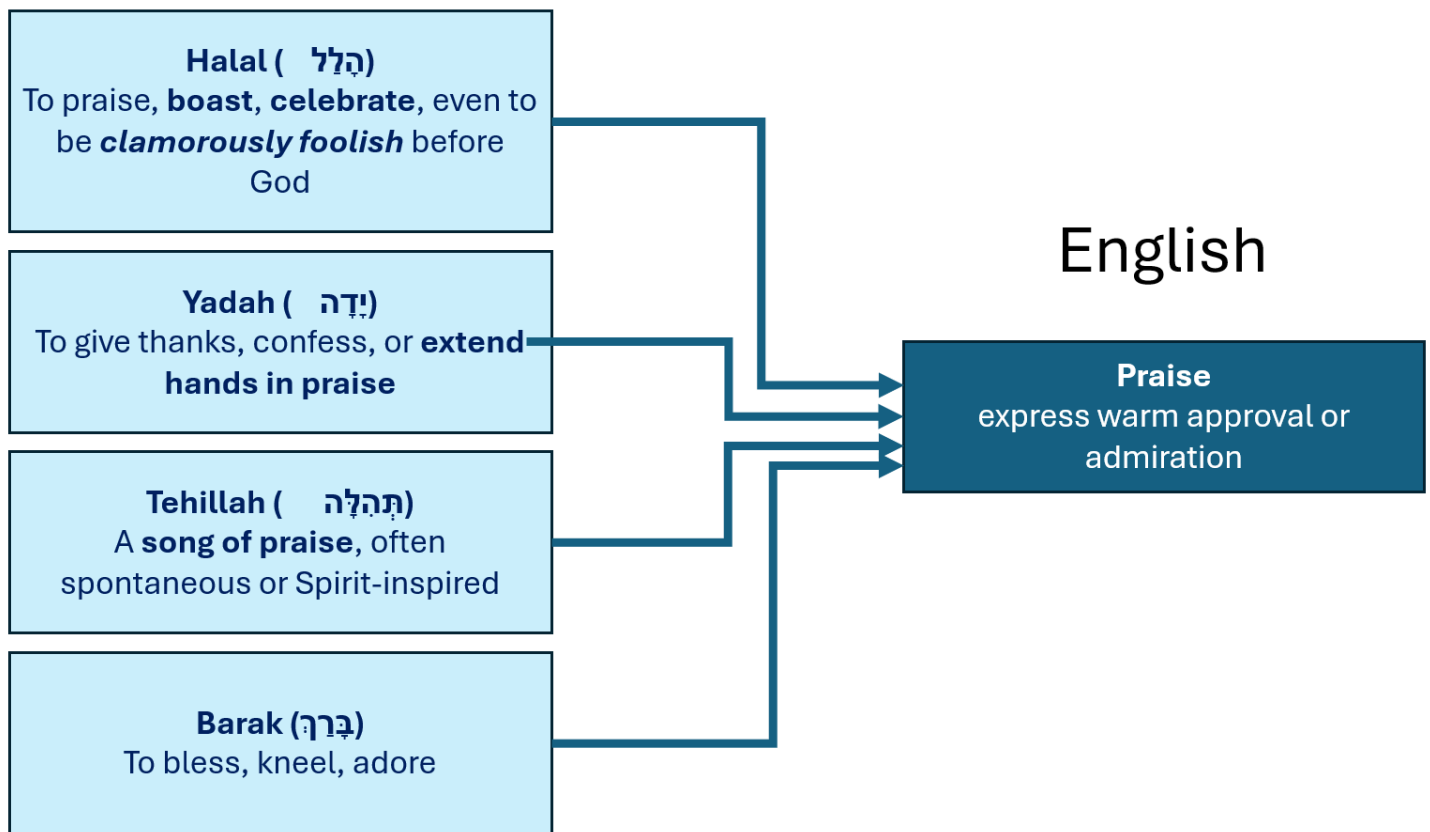
# HEBREW WORD STUDY

## PRAISE, WORSHIP & SACRIFICE

### Opening

In the English translation, we lose some of the descriptive language captured in the original Hebrew Text.  
English.

## Hebrew



Example: **Read Psalm 22**

- #8416: Tehillah (Verses 3, 25) – Praise (Spontaneous, spirit-filled)
  - #1984: Halal (Verses 22,23,26) – Praise (Clamorous, uninhibited, visible praise)
  - #7812: Shachah (Verses 27, 29) – Worship (to Bow down *in worship*)
  - **NOTE:** Verse 29 “Bow” is NOT the same word (#3766)
    - This word *does* mean to bow down, however, it is **not** used in the context of worship.
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Hebrew: expressions of celebration, thanksgiving, boasting in God

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## 1. **Halal** ( הלל ) — Strong's H1984

### Meaning:

To praise, **boast**, **celebrate**, even to be *clamorously foolish* before God

(joyful, expressive praise)

### Insight:

This is where we get “*Hallelujah*” (Praise Yahweh).  
It implies **uninhibited, visible praise**.

### Scripture:

- **Psalms 150** — “Let everything that has breath **praise** the Lord”
- **2 Samuel 6:12-15** — David dancing before the Lord

### Greek Equivalent:

- **Aineō (G134)** – to praise, celebrate
  - Luke 2:13 — angels praising God

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## 2. **Yadah** ( יָדָה ) — Strong's H3034

### Meaning:

To give thanks, confess, or **extend hands in praise**

### Insight:

Carries the idea of **surrender + gratitude** (lifting hands)

### Scripture:

- **Psalms 34:1-7** — “I will bless the Lord at all times”
- **Psalms 138:1-3** — “I will praise You with my whole heart”

### Greek Equivalent:

- **Exomologeō (G1843)** – to confess, give thanks
  - Matthew 11:25 — Jesus giving thank

### 3. **Tehillah** ( תְּהִלָּה ) — Strong’s H8416

#### Meaning:

A song of praise, often spontaneous or Spirit-inspired

#### Insight:

Not just praise, but **musical, flowing praise**—the kind that creates **atmosphere**.

#### Greek Equivalent:

- Hymnos (G5215) – hymn, song of praise
  - Ephesians 5:19

#### Scripture:

- **Isaiah 61:1-3** — “garment of praise”



#### Singing in tongues seems to fit this category

**Fun Fact:** The word “Hymn” clearly comes from this Greek word. Ironically today, we don’t typically associate “hymns” as being spontaneous. (Cultural difference)

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### 4. **Barak** (בָּרַךְ) — Strong’s H1288

#### Meaning:

To bless, kneel, adore

(implication, man toward God) to bless God as an act of adoration

#### Insight:

Praise expressed through **humility and submission**

#### Greek Equivalent:

- Eulogeō (G2127) – to bless, speak well of
  - Luke 1:64

#### Scripture:

- **Psalms 103:1-5** — “Bless the Lord, O my soul”

#### NOTE

This is translated as “bless”, not specifically “Praise”. This same word is used in the context of God *blessing* people as well.

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*Hebrew: bowing, serving, reverence*

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### 1. **Shachah** (שָׁחָה) — Strong's H7812

**Meaning:**

To bow down, prostrate oneself

**Insight:**

The primary OT word for worship = **physical surrender and reverence**

**Greek Equivalent:**

- Proskuneō (G4352) – to bow, kiss toward
  - John 4:24 — “true worshipers”

**Scripture:**

- **Genesis 22:1-5** — Abraham: “we will worship”
- Psalm 95:6 — “Let us bow down”

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### 2. **Abad** (עָבַד) — Strong's H5647

**Meaning:**

To serve, work, labor, in bondage to

**Insight:**

Worship is not just singing—it is **service and obedience**

**Greek Equivalent:**

- Latreuō (G3000) – to serve, render religious service
  - Romans 12:1 — “reasonable service”

**Scripture:**

- **Exodus 3:11-12** — “you shall serve God”
- **Joshua 24:14-15** — “choose whom you will serve”

**NOTE**

This is translated as “Serve”, not specifically “Worship”. However, we see throughout the bible that service (to both God & Others) glorifies God.

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### 3. **Yare** (יָרָא) — Strong's H3372

**Meaning:**

To fear, revere, stand in awe

**Insight:**

Worship includes **holy reverence and awe**

**Greek Equivalent:**

- Phobeō (G5399) – to fear, reverence : Acts 9:31

**Scripture:**

- **Psalms 33:8-9** — “Let all the earth fear the Lord”

**NOTE** This word is used more to reference “fear” in awe. While there may be some specific reference to “awe” in worship, it is not a direct translation to worship specifically.

(God does use this word in reference to proper sacrifice in Malachi 1:14)

*Hebrew: offering, giving, surrender*

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### 1. **Zebach** (זָבַח) — Strong's H2077

**Meaning:**

A sacrifice, especially involving slaughter

**Insight:**

Represents **costly worship**—giving something of value

**Greek Equivalent:**

- **Thusia (G2378)** – sacrifice
  - Hebrews 13:15 — “sacrifice of praise”

**Scripture:**

- **Exodus 23:18-19** — “sacrifice of My feast”
- **Psalms 51:14-17** — God desires a broken spirit

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### 2. **Minchah** (מִנְחָה) — Strong's H4503

**Meaning:**

Offering, gift, tribute

**Insight:**

Represents **honor and gratitude offerings**, not necessarily blood

**Greek Equivalent:**

- **Prophora (G4376)** – offering
  - Ephesians 5:2

**Scripture:**

- **Genesis 4:3-5** — Cain's offering
- **Malachi 1:6-14** — pure offering

**NOTE** the word used for “offering” for both Cain & Able is this same word. (regardless of fruit or flock)

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### 3. **Olah** (עֹלָה) — Strong's H5930

**Meaning:**

Burnt offering (completely consumed)

**Insight:**

Symbolizes **total surrender to God**

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**Scripture:**

- **Leviticus 1:3-9** — burnt offering

## 4. **Todah** (תּוֹדָה) — Strong's H8426

### Meaning:

Thanksgiving offering

### Insight:

Sacrifice connected with **gratitude and testimony**

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### Greek Equivalent:

- **Eucharistia (G2169)** – thanksgiving
  - Colossians 4:2

### Scripture:

- **Psalm 107:17-22**

**NOTE** can also be associated with praise & confession

**Fun fact**, this is where the term "Eucharist" came from (See Greek Equivalent)

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## Summary

*Praise, Worship & Sacrifice are separate words but so intertwined in scripture that it is impossible to completely separate them as independent concepts.*

### Worship Becomes Lifestyle

- **Abad (serve)** → Romans 12:1 (*Latreuō*)
  - Worship is no longer just temple-based—it becomes **your whole life**



The **Overflow** from our **Daily Worship** is what we bring onto the sanctuary when we lead.



As a **Team**, our worship is the **SUM OVERFLOW** of all our individual Overflow.

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### We express this **overflow** in many ways:

- Visible Praise
  - Raising Hands
  - Dancing
  - Bowing
  - Prostrate
- Words (Spoken or Sang)
  - Spontaneous
  - Testimony
  - Praise to God
- Music
  - Songs (hymns)
  - Instruments
  - Melody
- Heart Posture
  - Surrender
  - Obedience
  - Gratitude
  - Reverence / Awe
- Sacrifice
  - Costly Gifts
  - Time
  - Ourselves