

Praise and Worship

Worship is translated from the Hebrew word “shahah,” which means “bow down” or “prostrate,” and the Greek word “proskyneo,” which means “to prostrate” or “do obeisance to.” The English word means, “worship,” and denotes the worthiness of the individual receiving the special honor due to his worth (Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary, p. 899). It means “to pay divine honors to; to adore; venerate; to idolize; to perform acts of homage or adoration;” and “to perform religious service” (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary).

In the Bible public worship is found in four stages of development.

Primitive Worship

Man worshipped God on an individual basis with animal sacrifices as the accepted mode.

Temple Worship

This highly organized temple worship had its origin in the wilderness Tabernacle and was led by the priests, assisted by the Levites, and included a complex ritual system of animal sacrifices.

Synagogue Worship

Synagogue worship began during the exile of Israel. Although the temple, which was in Jerusalem, remained the central location of worship, the synagogue served as a place of worship wherever Jews were.

New Testament Church Worship

Christian worship developed along the lines of the Synagogue, although the ceremonial and sacrificial system ended with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Public worship of Christians consisted of prayer, singing, praise, alms giving, Scripture reading, preaching, speaking in tongues, the Lord’s Supper and washing of the Saints’ feet.

The synonyms of worship are "adore, admire, dote, esteem, exalt, love, magnify, regard, respect, revere, and venerate" (Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary). All of God's creation are inherently worshipers, as God created within every man's spirit an inward craving that can only be fulfilled in true worship to the Creator. To know Him is to worship Him. To know Him is to praise Him! We worship God because He is Worthy,

because of Who He is. We praise Him for all He has done.

BIBLE SCRIPTURES REGARDING TRUE WORSHIP AND PRAISE UNTO GOD

PRAISE HIM

Psalms	100:4	Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and bless his name.
	149:6	Let the high praises of God be in their mouth.
	150:1	Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
	150:2	Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
	150:3	Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
	150:4	Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with the stringed instruments and organs.
	150:5	Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding symbols.
Isaiah	60:6	...and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.
Hebrews	13:15	Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.
I Peter	2:9	But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

HANDS – CLAPPING

Psalms 47:1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

HANDS – LIFTING

Psalms 63:4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.

141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

I Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

LEAPING for JOY

II Samuel 6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD.

Luke 6:23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Acts 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.

DANCING (before the Lord, not man)

II Samuel 6:14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

6:16 And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD.

Psalms 149:3 Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.

150:4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

MUSIC AND INSTRUMENTS

II Samuel	6:5	And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.
I Chronicles	13:8	And David and all Israel played before God with all their might and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals and with trumpets.
	15:16	And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.
	15:19	So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed to sound with cymbals of brass;
icles	5:12	...being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:
	5:13	It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;
	5:14	So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.
Psalms	33:2	Praise the LORD with harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.
	92:3	Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sounds.
	144:9	I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

	150:4	Praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
	150:5	Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding symbols.
Isaiah	38:20	The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

NOISE – JOYFUL

Psalms	66:1	Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
	81:1	Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
	95:1	O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
	95:2	Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
	98:4	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
	100:1	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

NOISE – LOUD

I Chronicles	15:28	Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and
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with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

- Psalms 33:3 Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.
- 98:4 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

SHOUTING

- Psalms 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them.
- 32:11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.
- 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause;
- 47:1 O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- 132:9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.
- 132:16 ...and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- Isaiah 12:6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.
- 44:23 Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree

therein:

SINGING

Psalms	33:3	Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise.
	47:6	Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
	66:2	Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious.
	68:32	Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord;
	96:1	O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
	96:2	Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.
	98:4	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.
	100:2	Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
	105:2	Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.
	135:3	Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

149:1 Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.

Isaiah 12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

WORSHIP

Psalms 22:27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD; and all kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

66:4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name.

86:9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.

132:7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

Isaiah 66:23 ... shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the father seeketh such to worship him.