High Praise: The Sound of Our Praise

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Halal: To boast. To rave. To shine. To celebrate. To be clamorously foolish.

Psalm: 149:3 (NIV): Let them praise (hâlal) his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

Psalm 150:6 (NIV): Let everything that has breath praise (hâlal) the LORD.

Towdah: Thanksgiving. A confession. A sacrifice of praise. Thanksgiving for things not yet received.

Psalm 56:1-2 (NIV): Be merciful to me, my God, for my enemies are in hot pursuit; all day long they press their attack. My adversaries pursue me all day long; in their pride many are attacking me.

Psalm 56:10-12 (NIV): In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise—in God, I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me? I am under vows to you, my God; I will present my thank offerings (tôwdâh) to you.

Tehillah: A hymn. A song of praise. A new song. A spontaneous song.

Psalm 40:2-3 (NIV): He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise (tehillâh) to our God.

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV): ...a garment of praise (tehillâh) instead of a spirit of despair.

Shabach: To address in a loud tone. To shout. To commend, glory, and triumph.

Psalm 63:3 (NIV): Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify (shâbach) you.

Psalm 47:1 (NIV): Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

Psalm 65:5-7 (NIV): You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled (shâbach) the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

Psalm 89:9 (NIV): You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still (shâbach) them.