



Home

1. Precedent for Worship

2. Foundation for Worship

3. Conviction for Worship

4. Galvanized for Worship

5. Worship Reference

Worship Reference

CHAPTER 12

Worship and Praise Converge in the Psalms

The psalmists emphasize praise over worship by a margin of greater than ten to one. They use words for praise over 150 times in 147 verses. Many other psalms convey praise for God without mentioning a specific word for it in the Hebrew text.

In contrast, only 12 psalms mention a Hebrew word for worship in reference to God, Psalms 5, 22, 29, 45, 66, 86, 95, 96, 97, 99, 132, and 138. Of these 12, ten mention a Hebrew word for worship and praise together. Only six psalms mention a Hebrew word for worship and singing together in the same context: Psalms 22, 66, 95, 96, 132, and 138. Two psalms, 5 and 29, mention worship without using a Hebrew word for praise.

WORSHIP and PRAISE Converge 5x's in the Psalms involving Multitudes

Psalms 22, 66, 86, 96, 138 (NIV translates `abad as worship in Psa 100 and 102)

PSALMS 22 NAS

1. My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.
2. O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I have no rest.
3. Yet You are holy, O You who are **enthroned upon** [*yashab*]¹ the **praises** [*tehillah*] of Israel.
4. In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them.

¹ *yashab*, dwell, remain, sit, abide, stay, inhabit

5. To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.
6. But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people.
7. All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying,
8. "Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him."
9. Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother's breasts.
10. Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother's womb.
11. Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help.
12. Many bulls have surrounded me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled me.
13. They open wide their mouth at me, As a ravening and a roaring lion.
14. I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.
15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.
16. For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet.
17. I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me;
18. They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.
19. But You, O LORD, be not far off; O You my help, hasten to my assistance.
20. Deliver my soul from the sword, My only life from the power of the dog.
21. Save me from the lion's mouth; From the horns of the wild oxen You answer me.
22. I will tell of Your name to my brethren; **In the midst of the assembly I will praise [halal] You.**

23. You who **fear** [*yare`*]² the LORD, **praise** [*halal*] Him; All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And **stand in awe** [*guwr*]³ of Him, all you descendants of Israel.
24. For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He heard.
25. From You comes my **praise** [*tehillah*] **in the great assembly**; I shall pay my vows before those who fear Him.
26. The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will **praise** [*tehillah*] the LORD. Let your heart live forever!
27. **All the ends of the earth** will remember and turn to the LORD, And **all the families of the nations will worship** [*shachah*] **before** [*paniym*]⁴ You.
28. For the kingdom is the LORD's And He rules over the nations.
29. **All the prosperous**⁵ **of the earth** will eat and **worship** [*shachah*], **All** those who go down to the dust **will bow** [*kara`*] **before** [*paniym*] Him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive.
30. Posterity will serve Him; It will be told of the Lord to the coming generation.
31. They will come and will declare His righteousness To a people who will be born, that He has performed it.

PSALMS 66 NAS

1. **Shout joyfully** [*ruwa`*]⁶ to God, **all the earth**;
2. **Sing** [*zamar*] the glory of His name; Make His **praise** [*tehillah*] glorious.
3. Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power Your enemies will give feigned obedience to You.
4. "**All the earth will worship** [*shachah*] You, And **will sing praises** [*zamar*] to You; They **will sing praises** [*zamar*] to Your name." Selah.⁷

² *yare'*, fear, reverent, afraid

³ *guwr*, sojourn, abide, dwell, assemble, inhabit, fear

⁴ *paniym*, face, presence

⁵ *dashen*, fat, vigorous, stalwart ones

⁶ *ruwa`*, to shout, raise a sound, cry out, give a blast, war-cry or alarm of battle, to sound a signal for war or march, shout in triumph (over enemies), **shout in applause**, shout (with religious impulse), to cry out in distress, shout in triumph, shout for joy.

⁷ Worship and praise converge in one verse.

5. Come and see the works of God, Who is awesome in His deeds toward the sons of men.
6. He turned the sea into dry land; They passed through the river on foot; There let us rejoice in Him!
7. He rules by His might forever; His eyes keep watch on the nations; Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.
8. **Bless** [*barak*] our God, O peoples, And sound His **praise** [*tehillah*] abroad,
9. Who keeps us in life And does not allow our feet to slip.
10. For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined.
11. You brought us into the net; You laid an oppressive burden upon our loins.
12. You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water, Yet You brought us out into a place of abundance.
13. I shall come into Your house with burnt offerings; I shall pay You my vows,
14. Which my lips uttered And my mouth spoke when I was in distress.
15. I shall offer to You burnt offerings of fat beasts, With the smoke of rams; I shall make an offering of bulls with male goats. Selah.
16. Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.
17. I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue.
18. If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear;
19. But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
20. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His loving-kindness from me.

PSALMS 86 NAS

1. Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me; For I am afflicted and needy.
2. Preserve my soul, for I am a godly man; O You my God, save Your servant who trusts in You.
3. Be gracious to me, O Lord, For to You I cry all day long.
4. Make glad the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
5. For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in loving-kindness to all who call upon You.

6. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; And give heed to the voice of my supplications!
7. In the day of my trouble I shall call upon You, For You will answer me.
8. There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours.
9. **All nations** whom You have made **shall come** and **worship** [*shachah*] before [*paniyim*] You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name.
10. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.
11. Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.
12. I will **give thanks** [*yadah*, also to laud or praise] to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Your name forever.
13. For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
14. O God, arrogant men have risen up against me, And a band of violent men have sought my life, And they have not set You before them.
15. But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, Slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.
16. Turn to me, and be gracious to me; Oh grant Your **strength** to Your servant, And save the son of Your handmaid.
17. Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, Because You, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

PSALMS 96 NAS

1. Sing [*shiyir*] to the LORD a new song; Sing [*shiyir*] to the LORD, **all the earth**.
2. Sing to the LORD, **bless** [*barak*] His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
3. Tell of His glory among **the nations**, His wonderful deeds among **all the peoples**.
4. For great is the LORD and greatly to be **praised** [*halal*]; He is to be feared above all gods.
5. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
6. Splendor and majesty are before Him, **Strength** and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
8. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts.
9. **Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in holy attire; **Tremble** [*chuwI*]⁸ before Him, **all the earth**.
10. Say among **the nations**, "The LORD reigns; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge **the peoples** with equity."
11. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains;
12. Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
13. Before the LORD, for He is coming, For He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness And the peoples in His faithfulness.

PSALMS 100 NAS (Service construed as Worship and Praise)

1. **Shout joyfully** [*ruwa`*] to the LORD, **all the earth**.
2. **Serve** [*`abad*, NKJ=Serve, NIV=**Worship**] the LORD with gladness; Come before him with **joyful singing** [*r^enanah*, a ringing cry or shout].
3. Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is he who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
4. Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** [*towdah*] And his courts with **praise** [*tehillah*]. **Give thanks** [*yadah*] to him, **bless** [*barak*, to bless or kneel, NKJ=bless, NIV=**praise**] His name.
5. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

PSALMS 102 NAS (Service construed as Worship and Praise)

1. Hear my prayer, O LORD! And let my cry for help come to You.
2. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress; Incline Your ear to me; In the day when I call answer me quickly.

⁸ *ChuwI*, to twist, whirl, dance, writhe, fear, tremble, travail, be in anguish, be pained, wait longingly, be distressed. <http://bible.crosswalk.com>

3. For my days have been consumed in smoke, And my bones have been scorched like a hearth.
4. My heart has been smitten like grass and has withered away, Indeed, I forget to eat my bread.
5. Because of the loudness of my groaning My bones cling to my flesh.
6. I resemble a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl of the waste places.
7. I lie awake, I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.
8. My enemies have reproached me all day long; Those who deride me have used my name as a curse.
9. For I have eaten ashes like bread And mingled my drink with weeping
10. Because of Your indignation and Your wrath, For You have lifted me up and cast me away.
11. My days are like a lengthened shadow, And I wither away like grass.
12. But You, O LORD, abide [NIV= sit enthroned] forever, And Your name [NIV= renown endures] to all generations.
13. You will arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious [NIV= show favor] to her, For the appointed time has come.
14. Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones And feel pity for her dust.
15. So **the nations will fear** [*yare'*, to fear, revere, be afraid, to stand in awe of, be awed, reverence, honour, respect, to cause astonishment, be held in awe, to inspire reverence or godly fear or awe] the name of the LORD And **all the kings of the earth** [NIV= will revere] Your glory.
16. For the LORD has built up Zion; He has appeared in His glory.
17. He has regarded the prayer of the destitute And has not despised their prayer.
18. This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may **praise** [*halal*] the LORD.
19. For He looked down from His holy height; From heaven the LORD gazed upon the earth,
20. To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To set free those who were doomed to death,
21. That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion And His **praise** [*tehil-lah*, praise song] in Jerusalem,

22. When the **peoples are gathered together**, And **the kingdoms**, to **serve** [*abad*, NKJ=Serve, NIV=**Worship**] the LORD.
23. He has weakened my **strength** in the way; He has shortened my days. [NIV=In the course of my life he broke my **strength**]
24. I say, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days, Your years are throughout all generations.
25. Of old You founded the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
26. "Even they will perish, but You endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.
27. "But You are the same, And Your years will not come to an end.
28. "The children of Your servants will continue, And their descendants will be established before You."

PSALMS 138 NAS

1. I will **give** You **thanks** [*yadah*, NKJ and NIV=praise] with all my heart; I will **sing praises** [*zamar*] to You before the gods.
2. I will **bow down** [*shachah*, NKJ=worship, NIV=bow down] toward Your holy temple And **give thanks** [*yadah*, NKJ and NIV=praise] to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.
3. On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with **strength** in my soul.
4. **All the kings of the earth** will **give thanks** [*yadah*, NKJ and NIV=praise] to You, O LORD, When they have heard the words of Your mouth.
5. And they **will sing** [*shiy'r*] of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.
6. For though the LORD is exalted, Yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar.
7. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.
8. The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

5 PSALMS use WORSHIP and PRAISE without Declarations Involving Multitudes:

Psalms 45, 95, 97, 99, 132

PSALM 45 NAS

1. My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2. You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.
3. Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One, In Your splendor and Your majesty!
4. And in Your majesty ride on victoriously, For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; Let Your right hand teach You awesome things.
5. Your arrows are sharp; The peoples fall under You; Your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies.
6. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
7. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.
8. All Your garments are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia; Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made You glad.
9. Kings' daughters are among Your noble ladies; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
10. Listen, O daughter, give attention and incline your ear: Forget your people and your father's house;
11. Then the King will desire your beauty. Because He is your Lord, **bow down** [*shachah*, NKJ=worship, NIV=honor] to Him.
12. The daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.
13. The King's daughter is all glorious within; Her clothing is interwoven with gold.
14. She will be led to the King in embroidered work; The virgins, her companions who follow her, Will be brought to You.
15. They will be led forth with gladness and rejoicing; They will enter into the King's palace.

16. In place of your fathers will be your sons; You shall make them princes in all the earth.
17. I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the peoples will give You **thanks** [*yadah*, NKJ and NIV=praise] forever and ever.

PSALMS 95 NAS

1. O come, let us **sing for joy** [*ranan*]⁹ to the LORD, Let us **shout joyfully** [*ru-wa`*] to the rock of our salvation.
2. Let us come before His presence with **thanksgiving** [*towdah*, may involve a hymn or choir, translated praise 1x], Let us **shout joyfully** [*ruwa`*] to Him with psalms.
3. For the LORD is a great God And a great King above all gods,
4. In whose hand are the depths of the earth, The peaks of the mountains are His also.
5. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, And His hands formed the dry land.
6. Come, let us **worship** [*shachah*] and **bow down** [*kara`*], Let us **kneel** [*bar-ak*] before the LORD our Maker.
7. For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,
8. Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,
9. "When your fathers tested Me, They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
10. "For forty years I loathed that generation, And said they are a people who err in their heart, And they do not know My ways.
11. "Therefore I swore in My anger, Truly they shall not enter into My rest."

⁹ *Ranan*, to overcome, be overcome, cry out, shout for joy, give a ringing cry (in joy, exaltation, distress, praise), cry aloud (in summons, exhortation of wisdom), singing out, rejoicing

PSALMS 97 NAS

1. The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice [*giyl*]¹⁰; Let the many islands be glad [*samach*].
2. Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
3. Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.
4. His lightnings lit up the world; The earth saw and trembled [*chuwI*].
5. The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6. The heavens declare His righteousness, And **all the peoples** have seen His glory.
7. Let all those be ashamed who **serve** [*`abad*] graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; **Worship** [*shachah*] Him, all you gods [*'elohiym*, possibly angels].
8. Zion heard this and was glad, And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced Because of Your judgments, O LORD.
9. For You are the LORD Most High over **all the earth**; You are exalted far above all gods.
10. Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
11. Light is sown like seed for the righteous And gladness for the upright in heart.
12. Be glad [*samach*] in the LORD, you righteous ones, And **give thanks** [*yadah*, NIV = **praise**] to His holy name.

PSALMS 99 NAS

1. The LORD reigns, let the peoples **tremble** [*ragaz*];¹¹ He is enthroned [*yash-ab*] above the cherubim, let the earth shake!
2. The LORD is great in Zion, And He is exalted above **all the peoples**.
3. Let them **praise** [*yadah*] Your great and awesome name; Holy is He.

¹⁰ *Giyl*, rejoice, exalt, tremble (with fear)

¹¹ *Ragaz*, to quake, be disquieted, be excited, be perturbed, tremble, rage, quiver, be agitated, disturbed.

4. The strength of the King loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
5. Exalt the LORD our God And **worship** [*shachah*] at His footstool; Holy is He.
6. Moses and Aaron were among His priests, And Samuel was among those who called on His name; They called upon the LORD and He answered them.
7. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; They kept His testimonies And the statute that He gave them.
8. O LORD our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, And yet an avenger of their evil deeds.
9. Exalt the LORD our God And **worship** [*shachah*] at His holy hill, For holy is the LORD our God.

PSALMS 132 NAS

1. Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf, All his affliction;
2. How he swore to the LORD And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
3. "Surely I will not enter my house, Nor lie on my bed;
4. I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids,
5. Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
6. Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah, We found it in the field of Jaar.
7. Let us go into His dwelling place; Let us **worship** [*shachah*] at His footstool.
8. Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength.
9. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your godly ones **sing for joy** [*ranan*].
10. For the sake of David Your servant, Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.
11. The LORD has sworn to David A truth from which He will not turn back: "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.
12. "If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I will teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forever."
13. For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.
14. "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
15. "I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread.

16. "Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, And her godly ones will **sing aloud for joy** [*ranan*].
17. "There I will cause the horn of David to spring forth; I have prepared a lamp for Mine anointed.
18. "His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon himself his crown shall shine."

3 PSALMS using a Word for Worship but not Praise:

Psalms 2, 5, 29

PSALMS 2 NAS (Service translated as Worship with an emphasis on reverence)

1. Why are **the nations** in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?
2. **The kings of the earth** take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
3. "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"
4. He who sits in the heavens laughs, The LORD scoffs at them.
5. Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,
6. "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
7. "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
8. 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the **nations** as Your inheritance, And the **very ends of the earth** as Your possession.
9. 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware'"
10. Now therefore, O **kings**, show discernment; Take warning, O **judges of the earth**.
11. **Worship** [*`abad*] the LORD with **reverence** [*yir'ah*] And rejoice [*giyl*] with **trembling** [*ra`ad*, trembling or fear].
12. Do **homage** [*nashaq*]¹² to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

PSALMS 5 NAS

¹² *Nashaq*, to put together, kiss, touch gently, be equipped with.

1. Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my groaning.
2. Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray.
3. In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.
4. For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.
5. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.
6. You destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.
7. But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house, At Your holy temple I will **bow** [*shachah*] in **reverence** [*yir'ah*] for You [In fear of You I will **worship**, NKJ].
8. LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes; Make Your way straight before me.
9. There is nothing reliable in what they say; Their inward part is destruction itself. Their throat is an open grave; They flatter with their tongue.
10. Hold them guilty, O God; By their own devices let them fall! In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out, For they are rebellious against You.
11. But let all who take refuge in You be glad [*samach*], Let them ever **sing for joy** [*ranan*]; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You.
12. For it is You who blesses [*barak*] the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield.

PSALMS 29 NAS

1. Ascribe to the LORD, O sons of the mighty, Ascribe to the LORD glory and **strength**.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; **Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in **holy array** [*qodesh hadarah*].¹³

¹³ *Qodesh*, apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness, set-apartness, NIV = the splendor *Hadah* of his holiness; NKJ = the beauty of holiness

3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; The God of glory thunders, The LORD is over many waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is powerful, The voice of the LORD is majestic.
5. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; Yes, the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, And Sirion like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the LORD hews out flames of fire.
8. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9. The voice of the LORD makes the deer to calve And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everything says, "Glory!"
10. The LORD sat as King at the flood; Yes, the LORD sits as King forever.
11. The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

A Psalm used in the Tabernacle of David

1 CHRONICLES 16 NAS

1. And they brought in the ark of God and placed it **inside** [*tavek*] **the tent** which David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.
2. When David had finished offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.
3. He distributed to everyone of Israel, both man and woman, to everyone a loaf of bread and a portion of meat and a raisin cake.
4. He appointed some of the Levites as ministers before the ark of the LORD, even to **celebrate** [*zakar*, remember, record, recall] and to **thank** [*yadah*] and **praise** [*halal*] the LORD God of Israel:
5. Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-edom and Jeiel, with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals,
6. and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests blew trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.
7. Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to **give thanks** [*yadah*] to the LORD.

8. Oh **give thanks** [*yadah*] to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.
9. **Sing** [*shiy'r*] to Him, **sing praises** [*zamar*] to Him; Speak of all His wonders.
10. Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad.
11. **Seek the LORD and His strength**; Seek His face continually.
12. Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth,
13. O seed of Israel His servant, Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!
14. He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
15. Remember His covenant forever, The word which He commanded to a thousand generations,
16. The covenant which He made with Abraham, And His oath to Isaac.
17. He also confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, To Israel as an everlasting covenant,
18. Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan, As the portion of your inheritance."
19. When they were only a few in number, Very few, and strangers in it,
20. And they wandered about from nation to nation, And from one kingdom to another people,
21. He permitted no man to oppress them, And He reproved kings for their sakes, saying,
22. "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."
23. **Sing** [*shiy'r*] to the LORD, **all the earth**; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
24. Tell of His glory among **the nations**, His wonderful deeds among **all the peoples**.
25. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be **praised** [*halal*]; He also is to be feared above all gods.
26. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens.
27. Splendor and majesty are before Him, **Strength** and joy are in His place.
28. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Ascribe to the LORD glory and **strength**.
29. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him; **Worship** [*shachah*] the LORD in holy array [*qodesh hadarah*].

30. **Tremble** [*chuwl*] before Him, **all the earth**; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
31. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them **say among the nations**, "The LORD reigns."
32. Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
33. Then the trees of the forest will **sing for joy** [*ranan*] before the LORD; For He is coming to judge the earth.
34. O **give thanks** [*yadah*] to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
35. Then say, "Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us and deliver us from the nations, To **give thanks** [*yadah*] to Your holy name, And glory in Your **praise** [*tehillah*]."
36. **Blessed** [*barak*] be the LORD, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting. Then all the people said, "Amen," and **praised** [*halal*] the LORD.
37. So he left Asaph and his relatives there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required;
38. and Obed-edom with his 68 relatives; Obed-edom, also the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah as gatekeepers.
39. He left Zadok the priest and his relatives the priests before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place which was at Gibeon,
40. to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which He commanded Israel.
41. With them were Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name, to **give thanks** [*yadah*] to the LORD, because His lovingkindness is everlasting.
42. And with them were Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those who should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God, and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate.
43. Then all the people departed each to his house, and David returned to bless his household.

Was the Ark under Tent Curtains or Exposed for all to see?

2 Sam 7:2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but **the ark of God dwells within [tavek] tent curtains.**"

NIV ...remains in a tent.

1 Chr 17:1 And it came about, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but **the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under [tavek] curtains.**"

NIV ...is under a tent.

NKJ ...is under tent curtains.

Previous Chapter: Singing, Music, and Praise Associated with Worship

Next Chapter: Worship and Creator, Disciples, Angels, Demons, Idols, and Warfare

Home	1. Precedent for Worship	2. Foundation for Worship	3. Conviction for Worship	4. Galvanized for Worship	5. Worship Reference
------	--------------------------	---------------------------	---------------------------	---------------------------	----------------------