

1. Ways to Praise and Worship God:

1. **Singing** to Him. (Col 3:16; Psalm 149:1; 2 Chron 29:27)
2. **Singing new songs**. (Psalm 144:9) The word "new" in aramaic is "Hadas" which **means fresh or unused**.
3. **Singing or speaking with your spirit**. (1 Cor 14:14-17) Refers specifically to 'tongues'.
4. **Speaking about Him**. (Psalm 145:6-12) Refers to praises with the sense of "bubbling over with joy."
5. **Playing musical instruments**. (Psalm 150:1-6; Psalm 149:3; Psalm 144:9; 2 Chron 5:11-14 & 29:25-30) These instruments include winds, reeds, strings, brass and percussion.
6. **Shouting joyfully** to Him. (Psalm 47:1; Ezra 3:10 & 11) Praising God LOUDLY for His triumphs.
7. **Weeping**. (Ezra 3:12 & 13) Response of intimacy, joy, awe in God's presence, etc.
8. **Lifting up our hands**. (Neh 8:6) An outward expression of our hearts. Shows dependence, gratitude or surrender.
9. **Bowing low with our faces to the ground**. (Neh 8:6; Psalm 95:6 & 7) Demonstrating reverence & respect.
10. **Kneeling**. (Psalm 95:6) Shows humility, meekness and submission. It literally means "to bless" God.
11. **Lying Prostrate**. (Rev 1:10-17) Total awe, fear, reverence, humility or adoration.
12. **Standing in His presence**. (Deut 10:8) Acknowledgement of reverence and service to royalty.
13. **Clapping our hands**. (Psalm 47:1) "The Father's heartbeat". Release of joy & thanks. Also a powerful tool against the enemy's strongholds, many times combined with shouting, praise & singing.
14. **Meditating**. (Psalm 77:12; Philip 4:8) Pondering the attributes of God in our hearts.
15. **Dancing**. (1 Chron 15:29; Psalm 149:3 & 150:4; 2 Sam. 6:14-16; Exod 15:20) Celebrates God's victory and is a full expression of joy or rejoicing. Dancing also expresses intimacy with the Lord. (An example would be "slow dancing".)

2. **Psalms** David, Solomon, Moses, Asaph, Sons of Korah, Hemen, and Ethan the Ezrahite
3. **Inspired by the Holy Spirit**. The very words Given.
4. **2TI 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
5. **2SA 23:1** Now these are the last words of David. Thus says **David the son of Jesse**; Thus says **the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And THE SWEET PSALMIST OF ISRAEL**:
6. **1SA 16:23** And so it was, **whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.**
7. **2KI 3:15** "But now bring me (Elisha) a mistrel." Then it happened, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. 16 And he said, "Thus says the Lord: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' 17 "For thus says the Lord: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.' 18 "And this is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

8. **2SA 6:5** Then David and all the house of Israel played music before the Lord on all kinds of instruments of fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.
9. 2 Chronicles 20:1 After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to make war on Jehoshaphat. 2 Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi). 3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the LORD, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the LORD; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him. 5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard 6 and said: “O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 O our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? 8 They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, 9 ‘If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.’ 10 “But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt; so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. 11 See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance. 12 O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.” 13 All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD. 14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. 15 He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s. 16 Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. 17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.’” 18 Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. 19 Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with very loud voice. 20 Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” 21 After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: “Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.” 22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. 23 The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. 24 When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. 25 So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value—more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

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11. Perfect praise

12. **PSA 137:3** For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song, And those who plundered us requested mirth, Saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” 4 How shall we sing the Lord’s song In a foreign land?

13. **1KI 10:12** And the king made steps of the almug wood for the house of the Lord and for the king’s house, also harps and stringed instruments for singers. There never again came such almug wood, nor has the like been seen to this day.

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15. Prime the Pump

16. Story by Dr. Hagin – stir up the gift. Don’t go by feelings.

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