

Title: A Tale of Two Hills
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a: A Tale of two hills

Hebrews 12:18

For you have not come unto the mountain that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest....

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel.(KJV)

b: Enter through the gates

Psalms 100:4

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving (*towdah*), and into his courts with praise (*tehillah*): be thankful unto him, and bless (*barak*) his name.(KJV)

Hebrews 13:15

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of [our] lips giving thanks to his name.(KJV)

c: who qualifies?

Psalms 24:3-4

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.(KJV)

A sacrifice of praise: towdah

“to extend the hands in a sacrifice of praise, a thank-offering.”

Jonah 2:9-10

Those who cling to worthless idols forsake faithful love, but as for me, I will sacrifice to You with a voice of thanksgiving. I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation is from the LORD! Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.(HCSB)

A sacrifice of praise: yadah

“ to worship with extended hands, to throw out the hand, to give thanks to God.

1: to bless God:

Psalms 134:1-2

Behold, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands [in] the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.(NKJV)

2: to surrender to God:

Psalm 64:3-5

Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands in your name. My soul shall be satisfied as [with] marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips.(KJV)

A sacrifice of praise: barak

“to kneel, to bless, to salute; to declare God to be the origin of power for success, prosperity and fertility.”

Psalm 103:1-3-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfies your mouth with good things; so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.(KJV)

A sacrifice of praise: zamar

“to pluck the strings of an instrument, to sing, to praise” mentioned about 40 times in scripture.

1 Chronicles 16:4-6

David appointed some of the Levites to be ministers before the ark of the LORD, to celebrate the LORD God of Israel, and to give thanks and praise to Him. Asaph was the chief and Zechariah was second....played the harps and lyres, while Asaph [sounded] the cymbals and the priests....[blew] the trumpets regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.(HCSB)

A sacrifice of praise: shebach

“to shout, to address in a loud tone, to commend”.

Revelation 19:5-6

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all you his servants, and you that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns.(KJV)

Judges 7:20-22

And the three companies blew the trumpets, and broke the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon! And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and the whole army ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the LORD set every man's sword against his companion, even throughout all the host.....

A sacrifice of praise: ghuwl

“to spin in the air in joy and excitement; to leap, to dance, to be ecstatic, or to be beside yourself”

Zephaniah 3:16-17

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not: and to Zion, Let not your hands be slack. The LORD your God in the midst of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.(KJV)

2 Corinthians 5:13

For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.(KJV)

Psalm 56:2-4

Mine enemies would hound me all day: for there are many that fight against me, O most High. Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear, what can flesh do to me?(KJV)

A sacrifice of praise: tehillah

“to sing, to laud, to triumph, and generally means “ the singing of Hallals”

“Hallal: to boast, to celebrate, to be clear, to shine, to be clamorously foolish.”

Chronicles 16:34-36

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever. And say, Save us, O God of our salvation; Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles, that we may give thanks to your holy name, triumph in your praise. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.(KJV)

Isaiah 61:2-3

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.(KJV)