

Words of Praise

Praising the Lord is one way that we can respond to Him, that we can build a relationship with Him. Below is a list of words and phrases that could be used as synonyms for “praise.” Thinking about these terms, both familiar and unfamiliar, can help us to understand the concept of praise more deeply, and this, in turn, may serve as a way to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

Acclaim	Enthroned	Raise up
Acknowledge	Esteem	Recognize
Admire	Exalt	Recommend
Adore	Express love for	Respect
Adulate	Extol	Revere
Applaud		Root for
Appreciate	Give credit to	
Approve	Give Thanks to	Salute
	Glorify	Sanctify
Bless	Hail	Say a good word for
	Hallow	Set store by
Celebrate	Honor	Stick up for
Cheer		Strengthen
Cherish		
Confess	Illuminate	Testify
Consecrate	Increase	Think highly of
Crown	Laud	Transfigure
	Look up to	Treasure
Deify		
Dignify	Magnify	Uplift
Do service to		
	Pay homage to	Value
Emblazon	Pay tribute to	Venerate
Endorse	Promote	
Ennoble		Worship

Questions for Reflection, Discussion, or Journaling:

- Do some of these words or phrases seem odd in the context of praising the Lord?
- Do some of them give you insight or a new way to think about praising the Lord?
- Does the Lord need the things these words describe?
- Does doing them help us? Are there ones that might be useful for you to try doing?
- Would doing any of these terms help other people, or the world in general?

Possible Activities:

- Pick four or five terms and using a Biblical index or online Bible search, find quotations that use these words. Different translations will use different ones.
- Write a poem or prayer to the Lord using a few of the terms that particularly struck you.
- Pick one or two of the words that you are not familiar with and look them up in a dictionary. Think about the nuances or subtle differences in meaning between different words.
- In a group, choose some of the words to write on cards that are then put into a bowl. Have each person pick out one card and say what that word or phrase means to them in their relationship with the Lord.
- Choose a few of these terms to look up in the Heavenly Doctrine using Potts' Concordance, Newsearch, or www.heavenlydoctrines.org. Does what is said there further illuminate the ideas of praising and worshipping the Lord?