



Psalm 147:1

“Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and praise is beautiful.”

Praise in the opening sentence is the Hebrew word hallal. Hallal means to make a show, to rave about, to glory in or boast upon, to be clamorously foolish about your adoration of God.

Sing praises is translated from the Hebrew word zamar. Zamar means to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, play upon it, to make music accompanied by the voice, to celebrate in song and music, give praise or sing forth praises.

The last praise used in this scripture is the Hebrew word tehillah. Tehillah means to sing hallal, a new song, a hymn of spontaneous praise glorifying God in song.

You might interpret this passage this way; “Be clamorously fooling about your adoration of the Lord! For it is good to play musical instruments and sing to our God; for it is pleasant and the new song of spontaneous praise is beautiful.”

Scripture references:

Psalm 33:1

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

Psalm 92:1

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High...

Psalm 135:3

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; Sing praises to His name, for it is pleasant.

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