



Psalm 30:4

“Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holy name.”

Sing praise:

Zamar-striking with the fingers; to touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, accompanied by the voice; hence to celebrate in song and music.

Thanks:

Yadah-to use (i.e. hold out) the hand; physically, to throw (a stone, an arrow) at or away; especially to revere or worship (with extended hands); intensively, to bemoan (by wringing the hands).

Remembrance:

Zeker-recollection, commemoration.

Possible translation: “Play your musical instrument, make music accompanied by the voice and celebrate the Lord in song and music. Lift your hands to revere and worship the Lord as you recall and commemorate the sacredness of his character.”

The Greek word, psallo, used in the New Testament is comparable to zamar. Psallo means to rub or touch the surface, to twitch or twang, i.e. to play on a stringed instrument (celebrate the divine worship with music and accompanying odes. It is used in 1 Corinthians 14:15 and James 5:13.)

Scripture references:

Psalm 61:8

So I will sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 71:22

Also with the lute I will praise you -- And your faithfulness, O my God! To you I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 144:9

I will sing a new song to you, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to you...

1 Corinthians 14:15

What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

James 5:13

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Psalm 97:12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holy name.

Psalm 105:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Psalm 122:4

Where the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to the testimony of Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Psalm 102:12

But you, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of your name to all generations.

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