

# Psalm 68:4

*Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds, by his name YAH, and rejoice before him. (NKJV)*

*Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to God to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord—rejoice in his presence! (NLT)*

*Sing to God, sing praises to his name; cast up a highway for him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord, be in high spirits and glory before him! (AMP)*

## **Sing:**

Shiyr or Shuwr-through the idea of strolling minstrelsy; to sing

## **Sing praises:**

Zamar-through the idea of striking with the fingers; properly, 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

## **Extol:**

Calal-to mound up (especially a turnpike); to exalt

## **Rejoice:**

Alaz-to jump for joy, i.e. exult

As I read this psalm I can imagine David strolling around his palace with some kind of stringed instrument in his hands. The mighty worshiper of Israel is recording his worship session. The song he sings will eventually end up in the hands of the choir director at the tabernacle of David. All of Israel will soon hear the words of their king's worship and be exhorted to pick up their stringed instruments to celebrate God in music and song.

David knows that God inhabits the praises of his people so he exhorts the people to make a pathway for the Lord; a pathway of praise. He also encourages Israel to jump for joy in the presence of the Lord.

## **Scripture references:**

Psalms 27:6

*And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.*

Psalms 47:6

*Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our king, sing praises!*

Psalms 68:32

*Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah.*

Psalms 104:33

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.*

Habakkuk 3:18

*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.*

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