

Worship God's Way - Pastor Chris Hodges

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*(Luke 19:37-40 NIV) When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

✓ **Halel - to rave, boast, celebrate.**

*(Psalm 35:18 NLT) I will thank you in front of the great assembly. I will praise you before all the people.*

✓ **Yadah - to acknowledge in public.**

*(Psalm 138:1 NIV) I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart.*

✓ **Barak - to bless by kneeling or bowing.**

*(Psalm 103:1 NIV) Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

✓ **Zamar - making music to God with strings.**

*(Psalm 92:1 NIV) It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High.*

✓ **Shabach - to address in a loud tone, to shout.**

*(Psalm 63:3-4 NIV) Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.*

✓ **Towdah - to lift hands in adoration.**

*(Psalm 50:23 NIV) He who offers praise glorifies me: and to him that orders his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.*

✓ **Tehilah - exuberant singing.**

*(Psalm 34:1 NIV) I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.*

*(Psalm 108:1,3 NIV) O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise (zamar), even with my glory... I will praise (yadah) Thee, O Lord among the people. And I will sing praises (tehillah) unto Thee among the nations.*

Worship is love expressed.

## The Most Important Commandment

*(Mark 12:30 NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.*

1. **"All your heart and soul"** - Expressing my affection to God. What do I love most?
2. **"All your mind"** - Focus my attention on God. What do I think about most?
3. **"All your strength"** - Use my abilities for God. What do I do most?