

THANK YOU, LORD!



Romans 1

Many excuses are used to rationalize
atheism or humanism, yet each one
is a lie. (19)

God's qualities, power, and nature
are clearly seen and understood.
[from nature] (20)

It is inexcusable that mankind would not recognize and respond to God with gratitude. (20)

YET (surrounded by and subjected to God's power) many folks neither **GLORIFY** nor **GIVE THANKS** to God, the Source and Sustainer of all life. (21)

Many think they are too smart to fall
for obvious and simple truth. (22)

They say they “cannot know” the truth, but in reality they “suppress” the truth. (18)

**Ironically, folks who refer to the
“worship of God” as irrational
actually contradict their own logic
by worshipping other things. (25)**

God's assessment of such people:
futile thinking, **dark** hearts,
foolish. (21)

OT Triad

(3 words often translated as “praise”)

halal = noise (language/words)

yadah = motion (gesture/movement)

zamar = music (emotion/creativity)

Genuine gratitude contains EMOTION.
Express it! This pleases the Lord. This
acknowledges the Lord!

HOWEVER just because emotion is spontaneous, unpredictable, exciting, and entertaining does not mean that it **trumps** or **contradicts** a thoughtful, sober, planned out expression of gratitude!

**BOTH are honoring and glorifying
to the Lord.**

Then celebrate by giving a freewill offering ... And REJOICE before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name ... remember ... follow carefully this decree (*Deuteronomy 16:11*)

Praise to God is expected as a **duty** of mankind, therefore was part of the ordered ritual of the Israelite people.

We often participate in “worship” on the basis of mood, generosity, or convenience as if God has no right to expect or command us to rejoice.

Even God cannot force us to love
or make us feel grateful ... but he
can expect it.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due
his name! Worship the Lord in
the splendor of his holiness!
(Psalm 96:7, 9)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. All my
inmost being, praise his holy
Name! *(Psalm 103:1)*

Philippians 4

attitude > rejoice! (4)

prayer > thanksgiving! (6)

thoughts > praise! (8)

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