

“Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise him, all you people of the earth. For his unfailing love for us is powerful; the Lord’s faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!” Psalms 117:1-2 NLT

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Well this is embarrassing! Not growing up in church, and hearing people talk about “praising” God since my conversion, I never really knew the definition of the word. Do you know what it means? I had to lean on my Logos app to find out 😊. *halal* (הָלַל, לָ), “to praise, celebrate, glory, sing (praise), boast.” The meaning “to praise” is actually the meaning of the intensive form of the Hebrew verb *halal*, which in its simple active form means “to boast.” To boast? WOW. I never thought about BRAGGING on God, but now I will. And, another factoid, “The Hebrew name for the Book of Psalms is simply the equivalent for the word “praises” and is a bit more appropriate than “Psalms,” which comes from the Greek and has to do with the accompaniment of singing with a stringed instrument of some sort.” Oh wow! I love that, “turn to the book of PRAISES and read...” That’s amazing. Psalms, the book of praises is the very first HYMNAL. Blows my mind! Excuse me, I’m gonna go brag on God now 🙌🙌🙌

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Dad,

Boy oh boy, can I brag on you? Absolutely. I can brag, I can boast, I can sing and shout about how good you are and how your love and care for ME is beyond anything I ever knew before I met you. I want to brag on your faithfulness this morning. I had a lousy Monday and you still love me. I lost my AirPods and I’m so bummed, but you are bigger than my gadgets and tools! My day got so much brighter after reading your word and knowing that I praise/boast about you!

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root