

DANCING BEFORE THE LORD

II Sam. 6:12-16

1. CELEBRATION AFTER VICTORY.

1. And David danced before the Lord with all his might...

1. I Sam. 18:6 - *"And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."*

2. I Sam. 21:11 - *"And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?"*

2. *"And Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea."*

2. LET THEM PRAISE HIS NAME IN THE DANCE (PS. 149:3).

1. *"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp."*

2. Ps. 150:3-6 - *"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him*

with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

3. Ps. 96:9 - *"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear (dance) before him all the earth."*

3. DANCE AS SCRIPTURAL WORSHIP

1. Machowl (4234) - a round dance, dancing, chorus.

1. Ps. 30:11 - *"thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing..."*
2. Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise unto him with the timbrel and harp.
3. Jer. 31:4 - *"Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry."*
4. Jer. 31:33 - *"Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow."*

2. Machowlah - dance, company, dances.

1. Miriam.
2. The young ladies who danced in meeting King Saul.

3. Chagag (2287) - to move in a circle, i.e., specifically to march in a sacred procession, to observe a festival - celebrate, dance (keep hold) a (solemn) feast, reel to and fro.

1. Ex. 5:1 - *"And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharoah, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness."*
2. Ex. 23:14; Deut. 16:16 - *"Three times thou shalt keep a feast*

unto me in the year... "

3. Ps. 42:5 - *"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."*

4. Karar (3769) - to dance (i.e., whirl).

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4. THE PRODIGAL SON.

1. Lu. 15:25 - *"Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing."*

2. Rejoicing in heaven over one soul...