

Getting The Words Right, part 2  
PRAISE  
Psalm 146

Introduction

C. Exhortation: Trust in God and you will be blessed [5-6]

A. Life Is About Praise [1-2]

1. There is no word for “to thank” in Hebrew, although the concept certainly exists. Praise is not merely formal thanksgiving

D. Explanation: The Lord helps the helpless and the hopeless [7-9]

THANKS	PRAISE
The one being thanked remains in place	The one being praised is elevated
I am the subject; I am expressing my thanks.	God is the subject; I am directed away from myself.
Thanks can be a required action, a duty	Praise is by its nature free, joyful, often spontaneous
Thanks needs only two people present: the one thanking and the one being thanked. It is thus basically private.	Praise needs an audience, it thus usually occurs in a group.
Thanks occurs in the speaking of “Thank you” or “Thanks.”	Praise requires a sentence and can occur even if the word “praise” is not used.

E. Conclusion: Life Is About Praise [10]

1. Psalm 69:30-31
  2. 1 Corinthians 10:31
  3. Revelation 19:1-10
2. “I will praise the Lord” means “I will tell others what the Lord has done for me.”