

--exalt

--sing

--give thanks

(2) Concepts involved in praise:

--worship

--thanksgiving

--rejoicing

--prayer

--blessing.

(3) Praise Methods:

--singing

--playing

--verbal expressions

--physical expressions

Perhaps after we have wandered through this you can see how difficult it is to put together praise or worship sessions that please everyone..we seek to work against too much spontaneity but the psalms seem to work for it. A combination of all is no doubt beneficial and important.

VIII. Theological Themes in the Psalms

While the psalms are poetry and not theological treatises, they still show us a great deal about Israel's faith and creed. The legal pronouncements are from Sinai, etc., and the Psalms are faithful to these definitive codes but in their own expressions of closeness and intimacy with the Lord, they go beyond credal concepts and enter into less defined but more personally noted aspects of fellowship with the Creator. This is one of the features that make the Psalter "special"..its rich, warm, understanding of the Creator in association with the Created.