

Hallelujah!

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[0 : 00] The 21st of September. Hallelujah! Psalm 147.1. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Hallelujah! This word occurs 24 times in the book of Psalms, one of several words giving praise to Almighty God. Those Psalms, beginning or sometimes ending with the word Hallelujah, came to be favorites of the people worshipping in the synagogues.

So our Lord Jesus Christ would have been used to singing this great word of praise very often indeed. Hallelujah! is one of these words which has come into our English language straight from the Hebrew, so to speak.

We have come to know it as a great praise word. Maybe this has come about especially since the musician Hendel wrote the music for Messiah. With a magnificent Hallelujah! chorus.

Some newer translations of the Bible in English use the word instead of the translation Praise the Lord. We know too that Hallelujah! is a familiar praise word in heaven.

[1 : 08] It is sung four times in chapter 19 of the book of Revelation. There in the New Testament, as in the Old Testament, the word is sung in places describing God's salvation of His people.

It is a word of spontaneous praise from hearts that know the saving goodness of God. A prayer. Dear Lord, as I think of all you have done for me, I pray you will always help me to sing Hallelujah in Thanksgiving.

Amen.