

What is a BROKEN HALLELUJAH? In Hebrew *Hallel* means “praise” and *Jah* is a shortened version of YHWH pronounced Yahweh or Jehovah, the proper name for God.¹ Therefore, hallelujah means “praise God.” A broken hallelujah occurs when we agree with God that we have sinned, come to Him with a broken heart, turn away from our sin, and praise Him as we experience His forgiveness.

Is the heart in the picture breaking apart or coming together? The answer is both! Sin breaks our fellowship with God and repentance restores our broken heart. We do the breaking—He does the restoration. God loves broken hallelujahs because they come from the heart, a broken one. It’s a heart that admits we can’t repair the damage that our sin has caused.

BROKEN HALLELUJAH #1

BROKEN HALLELUJAH #2

BROKEN HALLELUJAH #3

BROKEN HALLELUJAH #4

***“With nothing left to hold onto,
I raise these empty hands to you.
Here’s my Broken Hallelujah!”²***

¹ The exact pronunciation is lost to time.

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Personal Application and Interaction

1. Which of the four Broken Hallelujahs can you identify with, and why did that one strike close to home?
2. How have you seen God use your brokenness to His glory?
3. What's your "go-to" response when you encounter hard times in life?
4. If there is room for improvement in your "go-to" response, what steps do you plan to take?
5. Describe one of your Broken Hallelujahs. Include not only the pain but the relief, joy, and peace that came after repentance.



An Unusual Christmas Message

Matthew 1:1-17

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