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What is Praise?

Psalm 111:1-3

¹ Shout **praises** to the Lord! With all my heart I will **thank** the Lord when his people meet.

² The Lord has **done** many wonderful things! Everyone who is pleased with God's marvelous **deeds** will keep them in mind.

³ Everything the Lord **does** is glorious and majestic, and his power to bring justice will never end.

⁴ The Lord God is famous for his wonderful **deeds**, and he is kind and merciful.

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- **Psalm 42:11** – “Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my **Savior** and my God.”

2 Chronicles 5:13-14

"The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give **praise** and **thanks** to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: *"He is good; his love endures forever."*

Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.



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- God responds to **praise parties**... not pity parties!

Psalms 57:7-9


My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident.

No wonder I can sing your praises! Wake up, my heart!

Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song.

I will thank you, Lord, among all the people.

I will sing your praises among the nations.



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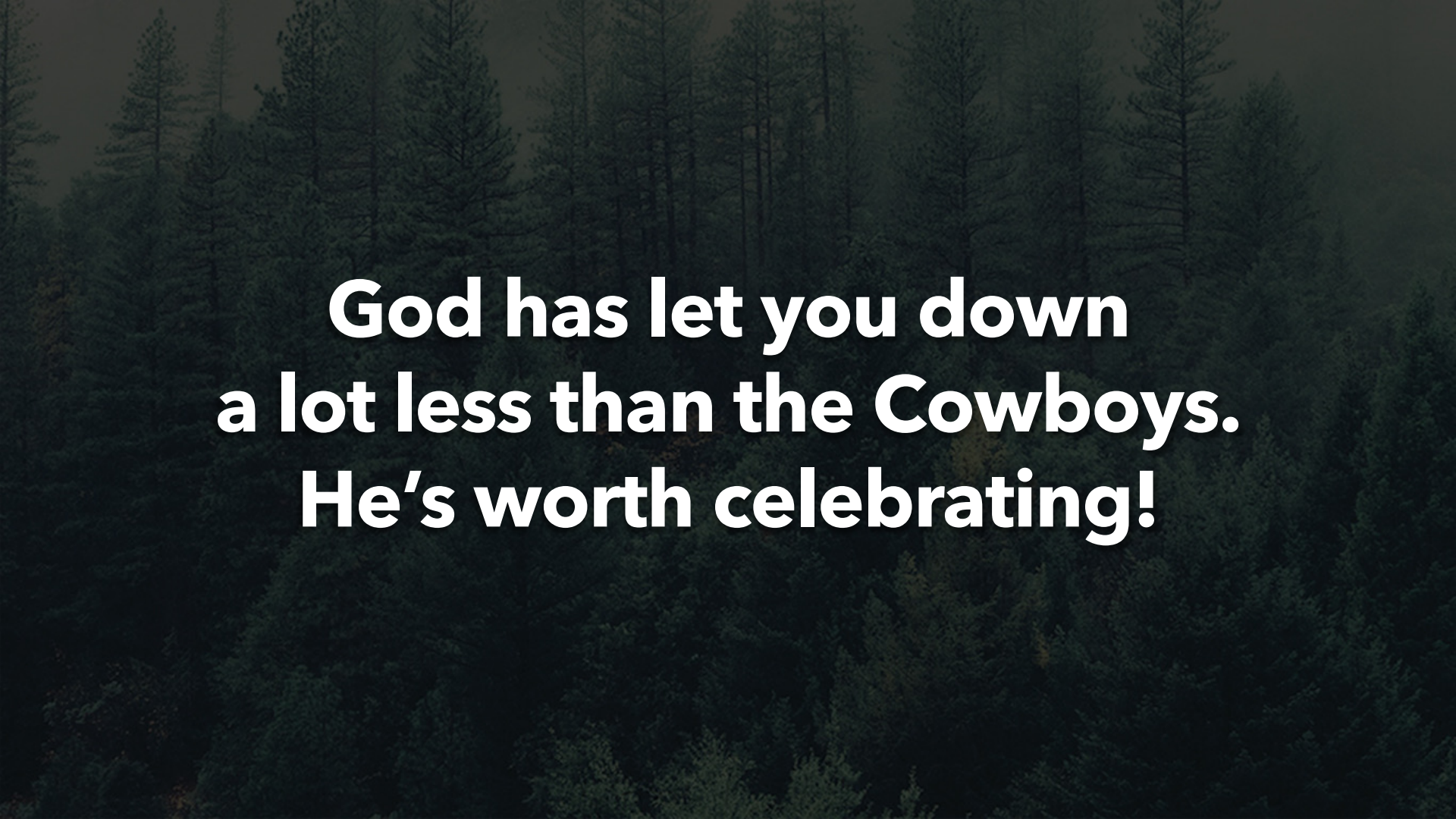
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- **"End-Zone" Praise**



**God has let you down
a lot less than the Cowboys.
He's worth celebrating!**

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“When you find yourself in a worship service all knotted up over what everybody else is doing, or not doing, then you may not have come to the place where you are so overwhelmed with Him that you don't even notice what's going on around you. When that happens, you won't be drawing a spiritual assessment on how well your fellow worshipers are doing. You'll be overwhelmed by grace...

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...When Jesus is all you can see, you will finally know what freedom in worship is all about... Freedom in worship is not when you overcome your inhibitions - it's when God overcomes you. **And when God overcomes you, you will be free.**

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