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PRAISING GOD WITH YOUR
WHOLE HEART!



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“Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD.

Praise ye the LORD”. Psalm 150:6

Solomon says there's “...a time to keep silence and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:7 NKJV). I agree that you should not interrupt the church service and unnecessarily distract others, but when it's time to praise God and give Him glory, you should give God your best praise. God is looking for the Saints of God to give Him more than a half-hearted, some-timing or depending on how I feel praise. For the Word of God declares, “I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart” (Psalms 9:1 NKJV).



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The story is told of an old man called Jim. Jim had been a drunk and trouble maker most of his life and, as a result, he could barely make ends meet. During one Sunday morning service he gave his life to Christ and the transformation was so radical that everybody in the congregation noticed it. Jim had one major problem. He was so thrilled with being a Christian that he sang louder than everybody else in the congregation. And when the pastor made a point that touched his heart, Jim would jump up and shout, “Hallelujah!” Concerned that the dignity and decorum of the church were at risk, the pastor said, “Jim, you’ve got to be quiet when you worship. You are distracting the entire church when you shout like that. I tell you what, if you’ll just sit in church next Sunday and say nothing, I’ll buy you a new pair of boots.” Jim needed the boots, so he said “OK pastor you have a deal”. But after restraining himself through several emotionally high points in the sermon, he couldn’t stand it anymore. Jim jumped up and shouted, “Hallelujah!”, “Boots or no boots, I’m gonna praise the Lord!”



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BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHEN YOU ARE AWARE OF JUST HOW GOOD GOD HAS BEEN TO YOU, YOU CANNOT HELP BUT SAY, "HALLELUJAH!". NO WONDER THE PSALMIST SAYS, "LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD!" IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS YOU ARE DEAD, YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PRAISE THE LORD! "HALLELUJAH".



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