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Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

—Psalm 16:9-11

David had this incredible revelation that the atmosphere around the throne of God was full of gladness. Around the throne of God is an atmosphere saturated with gladness and rejoicing. The closer you get to the person of God, the more gladness you experience. King David, the great theologian of the pleasure of God, described this joyful environment around God's throne in one of his songs: "Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and gladness are in His place" (1 Chron. 16:27, NKJV). He testified first of God's majesty and power and then of the gladness that surrounds the throne. In His presence is fullness of joy. Happiness prevails everywhere in heaven. Jesus referred to this joy as being His at Creation (Prov. 8:30). The One seated on the throne is glad, and all those that stand near Him are swept up in joyful contagion of His gladness.

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I can only imagine the joy around Your throne in heaven. Your happiness is contagious, and even the angels explode in joyous song when one of Your children accepts the gift of salvation. I can't wait to share that atmosphere of joy with You.

**The closer we get to His throne in
heaven, the happier we become.**