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And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign." **–Revelation 11:16-17**

What kind of God would put happiness at the very core of the servants of the house? Only a God who is happy Himself. If God were always angry, surely His servants would always be angry. If God were vengeful, surely His servants would be a vengeful army, not a singing choir that suddenly appears in the heavens. Angels have happy hearts because God has a happy heart. And the angels aren't the only ones. In my mind's eye I can see the elders who sit before Him falling down to worship as they are caught up in awe with gladness before God's throne. I imagine that one day I'll get to approach one of them and inquire, "Excuse me, I know you are worshiping, but I want to know one thing: how are you feeling?" I imagine he will rise and respond, "The closer we get to the throne, the more joy we feel! It's fantastic! I can't get enough." The angels in His presence are full of joy. The elders are overcome with bliss. Jesus, at the right hand of the Father, brims and overflows with happiness. The Father loves His kingdom, His angels, and His people! He is a happy God!

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In Your presence is joy forevermore. I can only imagine the excitement and bliss that surround Your throne. What a glorious environment to look forward to as I anticipate eternity in heaven.

In God's presence, around His throne is the fullness of joy, and one day we will witness it for ourselves!