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### 3. Joy in God’s \_\_\_\_\_. (v.8-10)

- The way to God is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Those on the way are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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### 3. Joy in God’s PATHWAY. (v.8-10)

- The way to God is both demanding and clear.
- Those on the way are purchased and protected.

### 4. Joy in God’s SON.

- Just like with hope and peace, joy is not found in our circumstances; joy is found in a person.

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