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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

Zephaniah 3:17 *The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. (NIV)*

In this beautiful testimony of Zephaniah, we see ultimate praise and adoration given to the Almighty One. The LORD is pictured in four lights.

1. He is our present God. This means He is always there and will always be there for us. You will never have to wonder if the LORD is watching over you. He always is!

2. He is the Mighty Warrior Who saves. In Hebrew this is **yovshia gibbovr** which means *the One and Only One; Mighty Champion Who delivers with His unbeatable strong arm.*

3. He will exult over you with great joy. Do you realize that the LORD is so very happy when he sees you. I remember what it was like to see my older sister when we had been separated for six years. It was truly one of the happiest times of my life when I saw her again! This is the kind of joy that our LORD has for us, continually.

4. He is so happy that He breaks out into joyful singing. This passage has always given me hope and I can't wait until the day that I get to be in the presence of the LORD and hear with my spiritual ears, His beautiful voice. His will be the most magnificent voice we've ever heard! His voice will be better than Frank Sinatra, Josh Groban, Freddie Mercury or Andrea Bocelli. Not only because it will be a perfect voice, but because it will be the voice of the One Who loves me more than anyone else could ever love me.

Dear Father, thank You for being with us continually. You are faithful always. Thank You for being the One and only Mighty Champion Who delivers us. Thank You for Your great joy. And Thank You LORD for singing over us. In Jesus Name, Amen