Rejoice
Pray
GIVE THANKS

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Our lives are inescapably oriented toward the future.
Also, he [God] has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.
Human beings are *eschatological* creatures.
Anxiety is the product of . . . a future vision that is too small, a present life that is neglected, and a past history that is forgotten.
In the end . . .

Where does the road go?

What awaits us there?
The end of the road (the way) is a mountain.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Psalm 48:1
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God . . . Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Psalm 84:1-2, 5
JOY
And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:2-4
Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

Revelation 21:9-11
Joy is a form of expectant longing.