

# Acts 2:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad;  
moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

## Analysis

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David's joy ('my tongue was glad') and hope ('my flesh shall rest in hope') arise from resurrection confidence, not circumstances. The Greek 'kataskenōsei' (shall rest) means 'to pitch one's tent' - a temporary dwelling awaiting permanent resurrection body. This hope sustained David through trials and sustains believers awaiting glorification. The body's rest in the grave is not defeat but confident expectation of morning's resurrection.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Israelites lacked clear resurrection doctrine until later prophetic revelation (Daniel 12:2, Isaiah 26:19). David's confidence, though imperfect, anticipated fuller New Testament revelation. His faith rested on covenant faithfulness: God who promised eternal dynasty (2 Samuel 7) must raise his descendant.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does resurrection hope transform your view of death from enemy to 'rest'?
2. What role does Old Testament saints' partial knowledge play in appreciating New Testament revelation's fullness?

## Interlinear Text

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διὰ	τοῦτο	εὐφράνθη	ἡ	καρδία	μου	καὶ		
Therefore	G5124	did	G3588	heart	my	also		
G1223		G2165		G2588	G3450	G2532		
ἠγαλλιάσατο	ἡ	γλῶσσά	μου	ἔτι	δὲ	καὶ	ἡ	σάρξ
was glad	G3588	tongue	my	G2089	moreover	also	G3588	flesh
G21		G1100	G3450		G1161	G2532		G4561
μου	κατασκηνώσει	ἐπ'	ἐλπίδι					
my	shall rest	in	hope					
G3450	G2681	G1909	G1680					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 16:9** (Hope): Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

**Psalms 63:5** (Parallel theme): My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

**Psalms 71:23** (Parallel theme): My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.