

"Before Christmas: Psalm 122"  
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**Psalm 122:1**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Going to the house of the Lord is a reason for JOY.

**Psalm 122:2-3**

Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together.

Jerusalem is the "City of Peace" at the center of God's people's lives.

**Psalm 122:4-5**

That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the Lord — to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

The "tribes" are families that worship together...much like we see today at Mount Olive!

**Psalm 122:6-9**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

The Old Testament people prayed expectantly for peace, security and prosperity.

These gifts would ultimately come to them--and to us!--in Jesus.