

## **Psalm 122**

Joyful Anticipation

*A precious gift from God ...*

- I. Deep Satisfaction
- II. Joyful Anticipation
- III. Great Exaltation
- IV. True Jubilation
- V. Amid the Congregation

*... aflame in worship.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. How would you describe the joy of the Lord?
2. What things make you glad about coming to church?
3. What might help us change our minds if we don't feel like going to church on Sunday?

## **Arise, My Soul, Arise!**

Joy is a gift of the Holy Spirit that touches believers deeply. It is far deeper than general happiness and it is the polar opposite of misery. It has to do with a soul satisfied by a sweet relationship with the Lord restored by the deep, deep love of Jesus Christ. But the fact of the matter is, due to our flawed dispositions, some of us can get rather gloomy at times. There are also things we do to rob ourselves of the blessing of joy. But when a saint anticipates worship, joy should be newly aroused by the prospect of gathering with other saints to exalt the Lord together. You may not wake up particularly joyful on a given Sunday morning but setting your feet toward the "house of the Lord" should help stir up that profound gladness that can't help but express praises to the Lord.