

***An Embassy of Heaven***  
**Psalm 122**

Main Point:

The church is an embassy of heaven; therefore, delight in it, worship with it, and care for it.

1. The church is an embassy of heaven.
2. As an embassy of heaven, the church should give you great joy.
3. As an embassy of heaven, the church should be a place of unified worship.
4. As an embassy of heaven, the church should be loved and cared for by all.

**Derek Kidner** “What Jerusalem was to the Israelite, the church is to the Christian.”

**Hebrews 12:22-23** <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup> to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, (NKJV)

**Rhett Dodson** “The church plays a central role in our pilgrimage from the earthly Jerusalem to the heavenly one. It’s our home away from home.”

**J. Alec Motyer** “The pilgrims have completed their journey; former woes and dreaded dangers are swallowed up in the reality of standing in the City of God ...”

**Andrew Bonar** “The very compactness of its streets [suggests] the close union of its inhabitants in brotherly love.”

**Revelation 7:9-10** <sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb ... <sup>10</sup> ... saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (NKJV)

**Josh Moody** “The author of the psalm is head over heels in love with God’s house ... He is excited. He is thrilled. He is bubbling over.”

**J. Stephen Yuille** “As we journey homeward, we must grasp the church’s place in God’s eternal plan, and we must seek to love her, esteem her, and desire her.”