

Revelation 7:9-17

Tribulation

Before the throne ...

I. White Robed Saints

- A. Multitudes
- B. Martyrs

II. Victorious & Secure

- A. In Christ
- B. Through Tribulation

III. Tenderly Kept

- A. Covered
- B. Comforted

... to triumph.

Children, Listen ...

1. Who is the "Lamb" in our passage?
2. What does it mean to have robes cleansed in His blood?
3. Who are all these people and where are they from?
4. All of them had to go through trials in life, but do you think some of them suffered for serving Jesus more than others?
5. This vision gives us an idea of what Heaven is like. Will there still be trouble and persecution there? How do you know? (see Revelation 7:15-17).

Among the Multitudes

We are blessed with a beautiful visionary depiction of paradise in our passage today. Multitudes of saints from every age and every place in the world are seen serving and worshipping at the throne of God. They (their robes) have been washed in the blood of the Lamb of God and they have been made fit for heaven. We see the whole number of God's people represented here. But notice that all of them have come through the tribulation. Suffering is always associated with following Christ. According to Jesus we will face trials of many kinds. Yet some of God's people have faced, are facing now, and many more will face suffering specifically for the name of Christ – some severely – some unto death. Our text portrays saints who are done with such suffering and who are enjoying the bliss of Paradise. While the promise of perfect comfort is for all who believe in Jesus, one can't help but think that those who suffered greatly for the sake of Christ in this world will savor the solace of Heaven in a super-intensified way in the next! May God grant our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world patience and perseverance as they look to the time when God "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."