

## Guide & Record of your thoughts

3/7/2010 Week 15 - Revelation 7:9-17

### Following the Message:

1. God's saving work during the Tribulation will be twofold:
  - it will be the time of Israel's national salvation;
  - It will be the time of world - wide evangelism/repentance on a scale not previously seen.
2. (7:9) The details in this verse suggest that this group is part of that earlier group of martyred believers.
3. (7:9) John himself did not know who they were; but, he gave the following beautiful description of them. They are:
  - accepted - they stand before God's throne/the Lamb. Rejected on earth (because they stood for truth at a time when Satan was in charge)
  - joyful - sing praises to the Father and to the Lamb; and their worship was joined by all those who surrounded the throne.
  - rewarded - had the privilege of wearing the robes of righteousness before God's throne,
  - emotional - they recognize fully what has been done for them.
4. (7:10) Salvation is the focus of worship.
5. (7:11) The angels are curious about the wonder of salvation. This is because they never experienced it themselves. Though they have never experienced salvation, they celebrate it.
6. (7:13) Who are these that are clothed in white robes? They are:
  - An ever growing number of people,
  - redeemed during the Tribulation,

- distinct/different from any other group of redeemed people,
- Privileged having come into the presence of God.

7. (7:13, 14) Where did these clothed in white clothes come from? They are a special people who have just arrived/come from the Tribulation. They are recipients of salvation through Jesus.

8. (7:15) These who have arrived before the throne of God will never again endure torment. They are under the protection of God.

9. (7:16,17) In contrast to the burning thirst experienced in their tribulation, now these, who have arrived in His presence, will enjoy the refreshing water of life.

### Greek words used today:

7:9, standing, Greek: **histemi**, *his'-tay-mee*; to *stand*:- abide, continue, present  
7:9, white, Greek: **leukos**, *lyoo-kos*'; from Luke ("light"); dazzling, brilliant, shining :-*white*

Salvation, Greek: **soteria**, *so-tay-ree'-ah*; *rescue, safety* (physical or morally) :- deliver, deliverance, health, preservation

Salvation, Greek: **soterion**, *so-tay'-ree-on*; noun; *defender* or (by implication) *defense*:- salvation

7:15, spread (as in spread His tabernacle...), Greek: **skenoo**, *skay-no'-o*; to *tent* or *encamp*, i.e. (figurative) to *occupy* (as a mansion) or (special) to *reside* (as God did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol of protection and communion)

### Reflecting on the Text

How does the thought that humans are the only creation of God that has experienced His salvation affect you? Not even the angels have personally known this amazing grace. Angels, God's created, heavenly host, have not experienced what we have.

Enjoy and reflect upon the comforting picture that He who sits on the throne promises to spread His Shechinah presence over believers.

Is it not amazing to think that, in earth's darkest hour, the greatest harvest the world has ever seen will take place?!