

especially the "evil slave" class, those who have sworn to God and have confirmed it, "that I will observe thy righteous ordinances," and yet have proved false by not carrying out their dedication to God to do his will. Since false swearers are like hypocrites, Jehovah by his covenant Angel has cast the "evil slave" class out of his organization and has withheld further spiritual light from them.—Ps. 119:106, AS; Matt. 24:48-51, NW.

³⁴ By unfolding his Word and rearranging his organization to take merciful consideration of all the lowly, Jehovah has testified against those who oppress the dependent classes, the hired person who rightly looks for his wage, and the widow, especially the childless one, and the orphan or fatherless boy who is responsible for keeping alive the family name. Jehovah now sees to it that these are helped according to their bodily needs and especially their spiritual needs, that they may enjoy a full spiritual life, participating in all the spiritual provisions of his people. He has taught the strong to bear the burdens of the dependent weak.

³⁵ Besides that, Jehovah has thought of more persons than just his spiritual Israel, his spiritual "sons of Jacob." He has also thought of the far larger multitude of sheeplike people not spiritual Israelites. With the execution of fiery judgment at the appalling battle of Armageddon rapidly approaching, Jehovah the Great Shepherd feels for these sheeplike ones. Just because they are not spiritual Israelites is no reason for letting them perish. His own spiritual Israel were once like them, needing mercy. So Jehovah allows or concedes to these other sheeplike ones the right to an opportunity to gain life in his new world. They were pictured by the sojourners, the temporary residents or alien

residents in Israel whom Jehovah loved. "For Jehovah your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, mighty and fear-inspiring God, who treats none with partiality nor accepts a bribe, executing judgment for the fatherless boy and the widow and loving the temporary resident so as to give him bread and clothing. You, too, must love the temporary resident."—Deut. 10:17-19, NW.

³⁶ Indignant against any wrongdoing toward these, Jehovah at his temple has been a swift witness against persons "that turn aside the sojourner [or, temporary resident] from his right." (Mal. 3:5, AS) Stirring up increasing interest in them, Jehovah caused to be preached from 1918 onward the startling public message "Millions Now Living Will Never Die," and in 1923 he provided the interpretation of "the parable of the sheep and the goats." (Matt. 25:31-46) He showed the righteous earthly ones to be "other sheep" whom his Right Shepherd must gather into the fold to make them "one flock" with spiritual Israelite sheep under "one Shepherd." (*The Watch Tower*, Oct. 15, 1923, page 310) Then in his due time Jehovah showed his gathered remnant that they must give full attention to this other sheeplike class, for in 1931 he revealed that the remnant must act like the prophetic man "clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side." They must mark these depressed sheeplike ones in their foreheads that these might be spared by Jehovah's executioners at Armageddon. Since now Jehovah has ordered that these be marked in the forehead, then if we refuse to do marking work, we are turning aside the antitypical sojourner or temporary resident from his right. If we do so, then woe to us! Jehovah is still in his holy temple to act as a swift

34, 35. By what several means has Jehovah satisfied both bodily and spiritual needs of what numerous kinds of dependent ones?

36. From 1918 onward, by what several other distinct provisions has Jehovah kept on bringing refreshment and understanding to millions "who sigh and groan" because of the city Christendom's abominations?