

tion to our God [Jehovah] which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”

They have learned that what they thought was character development and sanctimonious appearance is of no saving value, but that the blood of Jesus Christ is God's provision for salvation for man. They are now in tribulation, but the “great tribulation” will wind up their earthly career. In that great tribulation all who receive God's approval, pictured by the white robes, will confess his great name before men even though it cost them their lives. All the holy angels at that great gathering will rejoice and say “Amen” and worship God.

The great multitude, not being of the twelve tribes that are sealed, and being counted as Gentiles, could not serve as priests. As the Levites were given to the priesthood to serve, so the great multitude will be the servants in the temple and before the throne. (Vss. 15-17; Num. 3:9, 7) Jehovah, the great King of eternity, will “dwell among them”, or “spread his tabernacle over them” (*A.R.V.*); which means that they will be under the protection of the Lord God. For a long while these prisoners have suffered for the want of convenient food. The Lord is now beginning to send them food, and when they have a full supply they will hunger no more.—Vs. 16; Ps. 146:7; Isa. 41:17, 18.

“Neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.” This seems to refer to the persecutions they receive from the enemy when taking a positive stand for Jehovah, and then the Lord spreads his tabernacle over them. “And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place