

livered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

What God did back there in behalf of Noah and Lot, He knows how to do and has promised to do in behalf of those who seek meekness and righteousness now. Soon the great battle will begin in which those that oppose God's cause and truth and the kingdom of His Son will not find a way to hide themselves, though they were to cry to the mountains and hills and rocks to fall upon them and to hide them from God's just indignation against them.—Isa. 2:19-22; Rev. 6:15-17.

It will be remembered, also, that in the closing statements of His prophecy on the end of the world or Satan's organization, Jesus told a parable picturing how the people, particularly of Christendom, would be divided at the time of the setting up of His kingdom. Those who stubbornly resisted the message of the Lord's kingdom and mistreated Christians who were proclaiming His kingdom, even to the point of having them arrested and cast into prison, the Lord compared to goats. The Lord held out no hopes of their coming out of the approaching battle of Armageddon alive, but strongly indicated that they would die with the Devil's organization. Those, however, who sought meekness

and righteousness and showed teachableness and willingness to receive the message of the kingdom which Christ's brethren today are proclaiming to all nations, such meek and righteously-disposed ones the Lord compared to sheep, and upon them He pronounced God's blessing, saying, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matt. 25:34-40.

These sheep-like people, not Christians, mind you, but people who treat Christians (Christ's brethren) kindly because they are proclaiming the glad tidings of God's kingdom, such the Lord Jesus said would go "into life eternal", this life being enjoyed, not in heaven, but on this earth over which the heavenly kingdom will rule. Let all people, then, even though not claiming to be Christians, turn from human systems unto the Lord's kingdom now, before the day of the "great tribulation" breaks over the world: "it may be," says God's Word, "it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." This will mean you will not have to go down into the grave and need to be raised therefrom in due time, but that you may survive to see Satan's abominable organization dashed to pieces and God's government put fully in charge of man's interests, with "glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". In God alone is your safeguard, refuge, and security.

Religious Liberty in Hempstead, N. Y.

THE case of People against William Evers, wherein the defendant was charged with going from house to house to solicit the sale of books without being licensed by the Town Clerk of the Town of Hempstead in violation of the Town Law, Section 10, came on for hearing before Honorable Cortland A. Johnson, at Cedarhurst, N. Y., on the 30th day of April, 1931. Mr. Evers was represented by attorney, H. Willard Griffiths, of Hempstead, N. Y., who contended in his behalf that under the constitutions of the United States and the State of New York, he was entitled to observe his religion as he saw fit, in his own way, and that the sale of the books of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract

Society and the International Bible Students Association was a privilege that could not be denied to him as a citizen of the United States, and further, that under the Penal Code of the State of New York, the sale of books on Sunday was exempted from the operation of the law which prohibits the sale of general commodities on that day, and that as the International Bible Students Association, the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and the Peoples Pulpit Association are all corporations either of a benevolent, charitable or religious character, they are not taxable, and that the exacting of a license from its colporteurs is not permissible under the law.