

The Revelation to St. John

John's Vision of the Church Triumphant: Revelation 7:9-17

“Behold a host, arrayed in white, like thousand snowclad mountains bright! With palms they stand; who is this band before the throne of light? These are the saints of glorious fame, who from the great affliction came and in the flood of Jesus' blood are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light. Their anthems ring as they all sing with angels shining bright.” –Hans Adolf Brorson; *LSB* 676, “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White,” stanza 1

Understanding the Text

Read Revelation 7:9-12.

1. What does John see and hear now? How does this compare with what he just saw (vv.9-10)?

2. Who joins in the saints' song of praise once again (vv.11-12)?

Read Revelation 7:13-17.

3. What question does the elder ask John, and how does he answer (vv.13-14)?

4. What does the cleansing blood of the Lamb mean for the saints in eternity (vv.15-17)?

Applying the Text

Eternal life centers on the salvation God has freely given in Jesus Christ.

1. What doesn't bring us into eternity in God's presence (vv.9-10)? What does (v.14)?

2. What does this mean for the center of our lives right now (cf. John 5:24-25)?

Eternal heavenly worship will be the greatest joy.

3. How does this text from Revelation describe our heavenly activity (vv.9-10, 15)?

4. What will bring us such joy in eternity (vv.16-17)?