

Notes on the S. S. Lessons.

The Saints in Heaven.

Rev. 7 : 9-17.

JOHNSAW a multitude of the saved; they were so many that no man could count them. They were of every nation, and tribe, and language. (The gospel is to be preached everywhere, and some will be found in all tribes who will take Christ as their Saviour.) They were dressed in white, to show that they had been washed in the blood of the Saviour. They carried palm branches. They cried with loud voices, giving the praise of their salvation to God and the Lamb. These were redeemed sinners, who had lived on earth and been saved through Christ. Then all the angels (holy beings who had never sinned and so never needed a Saviour) fell before the throne and worshipped God, ascribing to Him all blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might, for ever and ever.

John looked on this glorious throng in wonder. The question may have arisen in his mind, who are these arrayed in white, and whence came they? One of the elders "answered" by asking John the question. The apostle did not try to reply. He said to the glorious being, "My lord, thou knowest." He wished to be told, and the elder said, "These are they which came out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revised Version).

Because they have been thus saved, they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in heaven, which is His great temple. And the great God on the throne shall "spread His tabernacle over them" (Revised Version; comp. Lev. 26 : 11; Isa. 4 : 5, 6; Ezek. 37 : 27). They shall never more be hungry or thirsty, nor shall the hot sun overcome them; for the Lamb shall "be their Shepherd," and guide them unto "fountains of waters of life." And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Great Invitation.

Rev. 22 : 8-21.

THE Lord Jesus has sent to us, during this year, many messages. But to-day we have His last message, the last words which He caused to be written in His book for us.

Some time He is coming to this earth again, but He will not then teach us. When He comes again, it will be to reward those who have served Him, and to punish those who have not. We do not know when this time will be. He will come quickly, suddenly, and it will then be too late to change our ways. If we are wicked, we will keep on in our sinful ways; but if we are righteous, then we will be pure and holy forever.

Blessed are they that He finds doing His commandments, for He will give them the right to the tree of life, that they may enter in through the gates into the city.

But oh! what dreadful company those that are without the city will have! Murderers and idolaters and liars; in short, all the wicked, guilty, and impure, It is their own fault that they are there. Jesus has

often invited them to come to Him and be saved. And now once more, in this last message, He invites everyone. Would you like to know whether you are really invited? I will tell you how you may be sure. See!

_____ will let him take the water of life "freely."

Now write your own name in place of that word which is crossed out. Now, you see, it all depends on whether you choose to take what is offered. And when you have accepted

the invitation for yourself, then go to work and ask others to *come* also.

"Whosoever heareth," shout, shout the sound!
Send the blessed tidings all the world around;
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,—
Whosoever will, may come.

INVITATIONS.

COME (To the waters. Isa. 55 : 1.
And drink. John 7 : 37.
And dine. John 21 : 12. And never hunger. John 6 : 35.
And rest. Matt. 11 : 28.
Let us walk in the light. Isa. 2 : 5.
I will not cast you out. John 6 : 36.
Whosoever will. Rev. 22 : 17.)

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