

“The Way Home”
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I’ve got good news: I won’t have to talk too long, thanks to Sister Jeanette, and Brother Rod, and Brother Malcolm, and the Praise and Worship Team, covering the message in all the songs. So, let’s see, ten, fifteen minutes? Sounds good? We’ll see. I don’t want anybody grabbing me with the shepherd’s hook. Isn’t our God just so good? You don’t have to look at anything else around you; you just know that He has been good to you. We don’t have to speak for anybody else, but we can speak for some other people. But, we know that if He ain’t been good to nobody else, the Lord has been good to us. He is that kind of Lord. You know, if we don’t even finish this time in here, if the trumpet sounds... Brother Rod, you said something and it just lit me on fire, and then Norma, she said something a couple of weeks ago, that just did it all. I’m talking about the son running through the house, singing, “What? What? What can wash away my sin?” Before you give an answer to that, think about it: What can wash away my sin? Hmm, hmmm, hmmm, hmmm, hmmm, hmmm! Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Brother Rod, you said—you know what? we were just having a little bit of fellowship, and he said, “You know? I just don’t hear much talk about the Rapture. Sometimes I hear people talking about going to Heaven, sometimes way off in the future, but I just don’t hear the talk about the catching away of the bride, about Him coming in the clouds...” But, He said there would be given to us a sign, just like in the days of Noah (Luke 17:26). When they came the time, they entered in, and that was it. God is just good to us. God is so good to us.

Giving honor to that same God, who is the Head of our lives, who is our maker, our creator, our compassionate One, our lover, our corrector, our rebuker, our redeemer; the One who paid every price for us. If you were to name all of your faults and failures, He covers them all, every one. Giving honor to that God. Giving honor to those who went before us. To our founding pastor, he and his family. To our bishop, he and his family, and the sacrifices they have made—and I’ll just say this plain: Never take for granted the sacrifices that God’s people do. God’s leadership, yes, God lays it on their heart that they hazard their lives for the Gospel—for our *souls*. It is a mandate that we lift their arms; that is a mandate from God. Giving honor to our bishop, he and his family. Giving honor to Pastor Wilson, who was here. Giving honor to Brother Kenneth, who was here. —Those who paved the way, those who stood in the gap, giving honor to all of them. Giving honor to all of y’all, who said, “Hey, it’s time for worship. It’s time to present ourselves before the Lord, to give unto Him that which we have, and to receive that which He has for us. Giving honor to all of y’all. Amen.

This month has been about the House of God. We’ve taken a theme, and we’ve taken a Scripture thought:

2 Corinthians 5:1 *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

We’ve got something coming eternal in the Heavens. For those of you who don’t know, my name is Parrish Lee. Brother Andy Giebler, who was leading the Praise and Worship on the guitar, he and I head up the fellowship here, and we pray that it’s always an edification to your very soul. Amen.

Having said that, let us get into the message.

Revelation 21:1-12 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice*

out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Revelation 21:21-27 *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*

Could you bow your heads with me? Lord, we thank You so much, because truly, You pour out blessing that it is just so hard to contain, God. We thank You; we walk into Your very presence and thank You for this time of worship and praise and to listen to Your Word. We thank You for bringing us all together and saving us from the fiery pits. Lord, we thank You for keeping us day by day, for clothing us in our right mind, for setting us on our feet. Lord, we thank You for all Your good and perfect gifts. We thank You, we thank You. Lord, we turn to You at this time and ask that You would have a blessing on Your Word, or You have said that it would not return unto You void, but would accomplish that which You have sent it to do. So, Lord, we come and present ourselves and ask that You would give us the blessing that You have for us this day. We do pray and claim in Jesus' name, and everyone said, amen.

That city, that city, that city. That house! That house of God, I tell you. The theme this month has been the House of God. Our general Pastor came up, and he was coming up for a funeral, but he said, "What are you guys talking about? What are you talking about this month? What's the theme?" We said, "You know, Pastor, when you come up, you can talk about anything you want to talk about." He said, "I might be the pastor, but I like to be under the unction of God," which is a lesson to everybody who is going to allow him to be your pastor, to be up under the unction of God. And he said, "The House of God? Amen. The House of God—let me pray about it; I'm sure that the Lord will give me something to say." And he came, and he said, "God's House." He said, "I could talk about the house..." This is what we call the 'revisit.' This is the revisit; we want to catch you up to speed real quick. "I could talk about the House in Heaven,, but I'd rather talk about the House here on Earth." He said, "I'm not talking about the walls that are here in the building; I'm talking about this House. The House of the Church. The House of the people; where the people dwell. That's God's house." And he said, "In God's

House, in this house, we do love.” He said, “In this house, in God’s House, we do correction.” He said, “In this house, we do humility.” As he was saying them off, it was almost like a checklist that would come into your mind. I need to be able to say, “I’m accomplishing that, Lord. I’m doing that,” but some of that—you weren’t here, Brother Rod, but I got to tell you, some of that, I had to keep my mouth shut. When I was examining myself to see whether I was in God’s House, I saw that maybe sometimes I bring some things that shouldn’t ought to be there, in God’s House. He went on, and he said, “In God’s House, we do responsibility.” He said, “In God’s House, we do forgiveness.” He said, “Yeah, people tell me I talk about forgiveness all the time; I talk about it too much,” and he said, “I come to tell you, I don’t talk about it enough, because we have to have forgiving in our heart and life all the time, including forgiving ourselves. He said, “But, there is something we do not do in God’s House: we don’t do excuses. We don’t do excuses in God’s House. There’s a reason for everything, but there’s not an excuse for anything.” Amen. What a way to start the month off, in God’s House. One of the wonderful things that he said, he said, “It’s not enough to be part of a good family, you have to make the family that you are part of, good.” Gracious alive, I tell you. What a beautiful, beautiful message. It just lit everything off for the month—it probably lit everything off for several months; we can’t let that go.

The very next message was about God’s house, and the message was about the two phases that we’ve seen in the Old Testament. The first phase, as God spoke to Moses, He said, “You build Me, you build Me a House; build Me a Tabernacle.” He talked about the curtains and the rods, and they’re going to have the laver over here and you’re not going to be able to have steps going up to it or coming down from it, because you’re not going to exalt yourself when you come up to God. It’s not going to be hewn stones so that you can say, “I did that,” no, no, no, no, no, no. It talked about the Tabernacle—all the things that God had in it—was mobile,, and that signified that we are to take God everywhere we go. Everywhere we go, we need to take God—not *meet* God, *take* God. The second part of the message was about the Temple, because we saw that the Tabernacle was, of course, for Moses all the way up until David, and David said, “The Ark of the Covenant lies in tents.” The Lord told him, “Build Me a house, but not you. Your son will. You get it ready; your son will build me a house.” That Temple signified it as stationary—you can actually go over to Israel and see where it was, because the Temple has been torn down, but the foundation is still there. There’s a lot of stuff going on there, and if you ever get a chance to visit it, because they do know that God had been there—they do know that. The point of that was, it was a stationary place, it’s a fixed place, because there are things in our lives that we have to have, and do, and build, and establish for God that are not to move. They are not to move. That Word of God is supposed to be stationary. You take it every where you go, but it does not move out of your heart and life.

The next message was from Brother Chris Ulrich, and he talked about Jesus being the Temple. The Bible says that He is the minister of the true Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched and not man (Hebrews 8:2). He went to Isaiah 53, where it talked about, “To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed...” And he talked about how He would be bruised for our iniquities. It said, “It pleased the Lord that He would take on Him our sins.”

Last week, it was Brother Jesse, as he talked about “Home Is Where the Heart Is.” He had four major points that he brought out, developed and shared: God wants to make a home where there is humility. God wants to make a home where there is not pride and strife and arrogance and things that don’t please God; He wants a place of humility. He mentioned how God has house rules. God is not about any-which-way you do it, anything goes; no! God has house rules. He said that God will not live in a dirty house, and I appreciated the point he made—thank you, Sister Tina, for helping preach that—he said that when he had done the cleaning for the house in Virginia (I believe it was), he prepared it, and he said he felt it was good enough—what a message that is! He said when his wife came, she didn’t even say anything, she just looked around, began her evaluation, and began cleaning. He said it wasn’t a dig, because, he said, “She has a whole different level of clean than I do.” I took that, because right

after that, he said, "It's like God. We might think that we're doing good, but God has a whole different level of what He's looking for." That's why we have to go to Him for the anointing, for the power, for the deliverance, for the understanding to be right in His will. His last point was, "What's on the inside is more important than what's on the outside." To do a quick, really quick recap here, we see that, at the one point, God made the Heavens and the earth. Then, right after that—right after that—He made man, and then he gave man, "You build Me some place to worship." Then, right after that—because we could only do a certain level of good—He had to make the True Tabernacle, which was the Lord Jesus. That had to come first. The had to come first because God wanted to dwell with us. He wanted to be back with us—connected with us. He wanted that separation to be gone, and us to be back. He wanted to be as He said, and He prophesied in the Book of Joel, He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2:28). God wanted us to be unified. So He, in the twentieth, and the twenty-first century, where we are right now, this is kind of hard to catch. See, this is all we've ever known. All we ever known is to be able to come to a church and to be able to hear Jesus' name, and to hear His word. This is all we've ever known. We might come to a better understanding, but, truly, this is all we've ever known. It was a time when it wasn't this way. We see it in a span of, what, fifty, sixty, seventy years, sometimes eighty or ninety, that's the span that we can see; God sees the whole thing at once. He saw that there was a separation, and He said, "I want My people back." He had to make a way, and that way, we know, was the Lord Jesus. He had to make a way when there was no way for us to get back to Him. I'm going to tell you the truth, if I don't say another thing, that was it right there: God making a way for us to get back. If I don't say another thing; if you don't hear another word out of me, that's it right there: God making a way. He didn't even know what I was going to talk about. Brother Andy was choosing the songs, he was praying about it; he didn't even know what the message was going to be about. Between several of the songs—Jesus Is the Way-Maker, All the Way, Lord—like I said, it might be a shorter message, but it's kind of hard to finish it. So, the Lord wanted to make a way for us to get back to Him, the Lord Jesus. That's a big, big, big, big deal, because, without Jesus, we are eternally separated, forever. Try to find any other way, the Lord said you are as a thief and a robber (John 10:1). You're a thief and a robber, if you try to go any other way than the only one way that God had set up. Somebody might say, "Well, there should be many different ways..." We should be happy that there is a way to get back to God. That's the revisit of the previous messages of the month.

Part II God Is Bigger Than the Works of Our Hands

God is bigger, and, yes, bigger in size, but also bigger in intent, and anointing, and blessing. Bigger in adoration. Bigger in beauty. Bigger in what He's going to accomplish. God is bigger than the works of our hands! God, being bigger than the works of our hands:

Acts 17:24 *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of Heaven and Earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;*

I've got to say this right quick: You know, people can get to the place where they've got to have the fanciest church, the most precious windows—you know, they put names on them and some people buy a brick ("I helped built that church—that's my church.")—but God isn't impressed with buildings. In fact, he doesn't dwell in the house that's made with hands, He dwells in the people that are in the house that's made with hands. How is God moving in there, with nobody there? It might look pleasant to the eye, but how is God—what purpose would it serve for Him to be in a house void of people? You know, that just goes to show you, that if you—and the church is a saving station, like a hospital. It's like a place for intensive care. If you have issues, you have problems, you need prayer, you bring it to the house of God, but the house of God, like the Tabernacle, moves. The house of God could be the prayer meeting.

The house of God could be somebody's kitchen table. The house of God could be—you know, some families pray right before they go to bed, or whatever-- the house of God could be right in that bedroom. The house of God, because we're going to invoke His Spirit, and we're going to see Him bless right now. So, the point is, if you've ever been in a situation that just seems impossible, if you have an obstacle that you can't overcome, if you need a blessing, and you've wondered how is it going to get to you, if you feel like there's no other way, the truth of the matter is, God knows what you are going through, to the iota, to the increment, to the atomic particle. He knows what you're going through; He sees it, every bit. He wants to dwell with you, and He wants to show you the way. He wants to show me the way. He wants to show us the way. He wants to show us the way, collectively, and He wants to show you the way, individually. He wants that dwelling-place. But, let's go back to what Jesse said, "God won't dwell in a dirty house." If you put things in there and He can't make His way in there, you don't have to worry about it; He will not be there.

So if you ever get into that thing, saying, "I wonder how I can get that. I wonder how I can get to the place where God can dwell in me." You know, Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions..." and then He said, "I go to prepare a place for you... that where I am, there ye may be also." Us dwelling together with God. And, you know, on the one hand, I want to mention, the Kingdom of heaven—can you imagine, we were reading down through Revelation, can you imagine, they've got a whole gate... You know, they have these divers, and they go down, and they put something in the clam, under the gums, and they come back years later, and you know what they find? a pearl. One pearl, one clam. Little thing. If they wait a certain number of years, or if it's a bigger clam, then it's bigger, and it's worth more money, because pearls are precious; pearls are precious. In this city that God's making, the gates are made out of pearl. They talk about that city, that place has twelve gates. Can you imagine how precious that's going to be? You'll be able to look down where your feet are going to be—down here we have street sweepers, and we have people that come out and they spray the street with this stuff that's real nasty. They have the salt, and they throw the stuff in there to repair the streets because they get holes in them, but that street there, the bible says, is going to be pure gold, so clear, you can see through it. That is pure gold; I don't even know what that is. That would be worth a lot of money down here. IF you could get just a little bit, it would be worth a lot of money. You know what? if you're worried about the money part of that, you're missing the point. Can you imagine to actually be in that place, where all the things that want to take hold of you are powerless? Any trial, any temptation, any obstacle, anything that upsets you, anything that comes along and tries to take way, dig into your family, and take away your job, and take away a relationship you might have with your brothers and sisters, take away from your worship, take away from you just being able to read, understand, and enjoy the beauty of the Spirit of God as He pours it out as you commune with Him. All those things are gone, never to be remembered anymore, powerless over you. Can you imagine, you don't have to worry about tomorrow; you don't have to worry about what's next.

Andy was listening to this song, probably a couple of years ago, now; I was wondering, "Why you like that song so much? Okay, you like the song. You're alone! There's the two of us in here, and you're a majority of one! Yay!" Because, I wasn't here you were. That's a fact. The song is called, "I Can Only Imagine." Anybody ever here that? "I can only imagine," the song says. It talks about going to Heaven, and, "I'll be surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?" It says, "Lord, will I dance for you, Jesus, or in awe of You be still? Will I stand in Your presence, or to my knees will I fall?" I heard this song, and I was like, "Wait a minute, there might be something going on here." Andy was years ahead of me—years ahead of me—but I'm going to catch up. It says, "Will I sing, 'Hallelujah!' Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine." Yes, Lord, I can only imagine. Well, there's an answer for all of that. I can imagine how it's going to be; I'm going to do all of the above. Yeah, I know what's it's going to be like: When I first get through—when I first cross the gates—ain't nobody got to worry about me—I'm

going to be, “Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halle-Halle-Halle-Halle-Hallelujah!” I’m going to praise Him! “Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, Jesus! Thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You!” After I do that for a few hundred years, I’m going to turn around, and I’m going to say, “How great is my God?” We can all say, “How great is *our* God?” but I’m going to say, “How great is *my* God?” The Bible says we shall all behold Him (Revelation 1:7). We will all be home. There’s not going to be anything right now—the Bible says right now, we look through a glass darkly, but then, face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12). Face to face; nothing between my soul and my savior. We could spend some time talking about that day when the Lord comes and how it’s going to be; saints, that is a healthy thing to do. It is a healthy thing to know that the Lord said that He goes away to prepare that place for us (John 14:2-3). John couldn’t just see it, he said, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day...” (Revelation 1:10) ‘cause this flesh can’t handle that kind of thing, God has to reveal it to us. You know, Jesus said, “I Am the door of the sheepfold” (John 10:1-9), “I Am the Good Shepherd, and I will open the door for you. Come, come, come.” (John 10:14).

I can imagine no more despair. I can imagine no more sickness. I can imagine no more heartache, disappointment. You know what else I can imagine? no more medication. I can imagine that. No more jokes that somebody has to be excused about. I don’t really appreciate... No foul language. I don’t have to worry about, “Oh, what does this brother or sister have on their mind? What do I have to... How you doing?” “We’re good today, but I don’t know about... Are we okay?” I don’t have to worry about that; we’ll all be in joy together! I don’t have to worry about darkness. You don’t have to worry about the lights ever going out; you don’t have to worry about paying a bill. You don’t have to worry about, “Oh, I fall short!” ‘cause you’re home. You’re right, Rod we don’t talk about Heaven enough; we don’t talk about it enough.

We say this verse frequently; we cover it a lot. We’ve said in many different environments and many different times; we’ve said it often enough. It’s a great verse.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

So, somebody said, “How do you know about all that? How do you know about that stuff in Heaven? How do you know Heaven’s going to be all that great, anyway?” I actually heard somebody say, “Heaven’s going to be boring! I’d rather go to Hell! Look at all the people that you’re going to talk to; they’re going to be interesting down there! Yeah, you’ve got the dictators that killed massive amounts of people, you’ve got serial killers, you’ve got the people that tell all the dirty jokes. Yeah, it’s going to be funny down there; it’s going to be entertaining down there. That’s where the fun is going to be.” Fun? Yeah, you can imagine how that conversation went. I told him, “I’m in the mood for a feast, and not a barbecue! I plan on going where it’s light, and not weeping and gnashing of teeth. NO, you don’t have a good vision of Hell. If you really had a good vision of Hell, we would have a different conversation right now.” “But how can you know how great Heaven’s going to be? You ain’t never been there; you don’t know! All you’ve got is conjecture. All you’ve got is what’s written down in somebody’s book; what somebody’s told you! And even the Word says, “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the hearts...”” Yeah? But verse ten says, “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit...” Let’s just take—I’m taking a whole lot longer than I thought. I’m going to try to wrap this up. “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit...” Now this is important. This is important, because if God’s going to reveal them to us by His Spirit, you’ve got to ask, “Lord, what do You have for me; I’d like to know?” You want to know the answer? Get in the Spirit. “God, I need a

victory over a trial. Why, why, why am I going through this one? You want to know the answer? Get in the Spirit. "God, You know I was sick, laying on my back. It don't make sense. Look at all the opportunities that went away. You know, it's kind of hard. I'm kind of short on cash this week. How did I get here, and why do I have to suffer like this?" You want to know the answer? Get in the Spirit, because God will reveal them to us, every one, through His spirit. In His Spirit. Yes, He will give you dreams, He will give you visions, in His Spirit. Don't seek God, and you're going to be tossed with every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14), and, yes, not just from somebody's mouth,, but there's plenty of anti-christs longing to lash into our brains and bodies. Yes.

So, God has revealed them to us by His Spirit, and that is in God's time. There's many times God isn't going to tell you everything, because you couldn't handle everything. I can handle about this much most times, and God gives me as much as I can handle, and I'm full! Thank You, Jesus! Thank you for never leaving me; thank You for never forsaking me! Thank You for never letting me down. Thank You for even when I don't understand, You have patience with me. You know, I'm going to get to the place where I have some understanding, but, right now, You're longsuffering toward Parrish. Thank You, , thank You, thank You, thank You, thank You!

So, we talked a little bit about that glorious time when we're going to be called home.

Part III We Don't Have to Wait For Some Far Away Time to Experience the Kingdom of God

We talked about the catching away of the Bride, and we're looking forward to that. We're looking forward to the rapture. We're looking forward to walking through gates of pearl. We're looking forward to all that. That is the Kingdom of Heaven. But, the Lord said that the Kingdom of God, cometh not with observation (Luke 17:20). It's not like you're going to say, "Where is it? Is it there, there, there, there?" The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation. If the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation, you have to ask, "Where is it? Where is His kingdom? Where is it that God dwells? Where does God rule and have His way? Where is it that God is King?" Right here (motioning to himself). Right here. Whenever I let Him. Point to yourself. The Kingdom of God—when we let Him rule; when we let Him have His way. When He is Ruler, King, Master; that's the Kingdom of God. When he is not, you've got to know, that is not the Kingdom of God; that is not His holiness. When I go to a prayer meeting, and we seek the face of God, and we join ourselves, and we get in one mind and one accord, and nobody's trying to be the big guy, that's the Kingdom of God. When we do a visit to somebody that's sick or shut in, needing help, or we're just doing the peaceable thing, that we're visiting those, as the Lord said, "If you do it to one of these little ones, you've done it also to me..." (Matthew 25:40) When we do that, and we don't need somebody to pat us on the back; when we're doing it just to be in God's will, that's the Kingdom of God. When we go to see how we can minister to the needs, and we're not looking to be the big show, that's the Kingdom of God. So, you might ask, "Is that it? As long as we're doing His will, is that everything?" No, because, in a great house, there's many vessels, and there's many paces; there's some things that are shiny, and there's some cabinets where you have to find stuff and it's dusty. There's places in a big house where you take out the trash. There's places that are set aside for refuse to be discarded. That is not all there is; there is a place where you take out the garbage in God's house.

Revelation 7:9 *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and*

thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in his temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Who are these? (gesturing to the congregation) Arrayed in white. Pray for us. Amen.

