

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for May 15, 2011

“The Vision of the Sealed Servants”
Revelation 7:1-8

It is important to note that the phrase “after this” or “after these things” is used throughout the book of Revelation with the term “I saw” to signify a new vision (Revelation 4:1; 7:1; 7:9; 15:5; 18:1; 19:1).

Notice that there are two aspects of this first vision that we must examine in order to understand God’s plan for the future.

I. First, we must examine what John saw (Revelation 7:1-3).

A. John saw four angels (Revelation 7:1).

1. He describes their position.
2. He defines their purpose.

B. John saw another angel (Revelation 7:2-3).

1. He describes this angel’s appearance.
2. He details this angel’s admonition.

II. Second, we must examine what John heard (Revelation 7:4-8).

A. John heard the total calculation of the sealed bond-servants (Revelation 7:4).

B. John heard the tribal classification of the sealed bond-servants (Revelation 7:5-8).

So, what should our response be as believers in light of John’s vision of the sealed servants?

First, we should remember God’s sovereignty (Isaiah 40:12-26)!

Second, we should rejoice in our future hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13).

Lastly, we should resolve ourselves to serve the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:51-58; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 2:10).

My hope is that we will remember the sovereignty of God, rejoice in our blessed hope and be resolved to walk in the good works that God has prepared for us.