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The Gospel reading today is the rock upon which today's celebration is built. Jesus names those who are to be blessed in the kingdom, and so they are. The saints have responded to this call and, as the first reading reminds us, dwell in an immense multitude - beyond counting - who dwell with God. What that means, to dwell with God, is something of a mystery, but the image of seeing God is central, as the second reading tells. The beatific vision is what we call it in theology, but what is fascinating about John's use of the image is that in seeing God, like Moses of old, we shall be changed. No one can see God and not be changed. What that change will be is less important than the vision that brings it about. For in seeing God we become like God; our hope is that we, like the saints, will live forever in God.

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