



Revelation 18—part 2  
Verses 6-19

Read *Revelation 18:6-19*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: we now get greater detail into the judgment on economic Babylon. The system and its participants are defiant in the face of wrath. Some will grow rich in the tragedies of the Tribulation at the expense of others. They have made wealth their god. We must beware to not give "stuff" what only God deserves.

Homework: Study Guide Question 4 (page 111) and 10 (page 113)

4. How do the kings and merchants respond upon hearing the news of Babylon's destruction in chapter 18? Great weeping (the likes which we haven't seen much in the book). Wailing, crying out.

In what did they have their security? Their wealth—the corrupt system

10. How can you be a wise steward of the money with which God has entrusted you, without becoming caught up in the "materialistic Babylonian spirit" that permeates contemporary culture? [various personal answers. Learning contentment in what God's granted me. Constant scriptural reminders that all I have is His...I am just a temporary manager. Seeing the world and its empty promises for what they are. Everything I have came from Him.

See also *Philippians 4:12-13, Luke 16:10-11, Deuteronomy 8:17-19, & Matthew 13:22*

Going Further

From Sunday: How could anyone possibly grow rich in the midst of the Tribulation?

- If you take the mark of the Beast and your competition does not
- By becoming loyal to Antichrist, he will reward you with land/benefits
- Price Gouging (medical supplies, food, water, gasoline...)
- The sale of alcohol & drugs
- Extortion: threaten to turn-in Jews, Christians, the non-compliant

What does God consider the love and service of any thing that is not Him? Idolatry = worship of a false god = same as bowing down to an image.

On Sunday, it was stated that whatever gets your best time, energy, and resources has become your god. Discuss and give your thoughts on this statement. See also *Matthew 6:21*  
Also: besides money, what other things can we let become our god? [various answers]

The merchants of the world mourned over their financial loss, but not over their sin. What does it mean to mourn over our sin? [various personal answers. To agree with God that is sin. For my heart to break over that with breaks God's heart. To stop justifying my sin. A remorse that results in repentance (action) not just some feeling.

David—*Psalm 51:1-4*—

The Tax Collector—*Luke 18:9-14*—

The Corinthians—*2 Corinthians 7:9-10*—

Personal thought for the week: When's the last time you grieved over your sin?