



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, October 23, 2022

TITLE: The Ways of the World

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

PASSAGE: Revelation 17:1-18

INTRO:

Revelation 17-22 is like a tale of two cities

FOUR WAYS OF THE WORLD TO GUARD AGAINST:

1) The way of the world is _____ (17:1-5)

cf., Babylon = Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-9

cf., 1 Peter 5:8-9

2) The way of the world is _____ (17:6-8)

If _____-obsession is the way of the world, then _____-obsession is the way of Christ

cf., the “one anothers”

3) The way of the world is _____ (17:9-14)

4) The way of the world is _____ (17:15-18)



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Discussion Questions

The way of the world is seductive (17:1-5)

1. We learned from the message that the “woman” is “the great city,” which is “Babylon the great” (v3, 5, 18). “Babylon” represents a sinful, worldly system, and the seductive nature of “the woman” is in her description (v1-5). In what specific ways do the seductive lures of the world tempt you?
2. Where in Scripture do we find encouragement and instruction regarding how we can strengthen and prepare ourselves for the battle against being seduced by the ways of the world?

The way of the world is self-obsessive (17:6-8)

3. Fill in the blank: If self-obsession is the way of the world, then _____ is the way of Christ.

4.

Verse	How should we treat one another?	How are you doing this well? How can you improve?
Galatians 5:13		
Romans 12:10		
James 5:9		
Philippians 2:3		
Galatians 6:2		
1 Thessalonians 5:11		
James 5:16		
Ephesians 4:2		
Colossians 3:13		
John 13:34		

The way of the world is ineffective (17:9-14)

5. Revelation 17:9-14 includes at least nine references to power, control, and authority. The Antichrist portrays an illusion of control, but in the end, it is evident that only God has control. What areas of your life do you think you control?

The way of the world is self-destructive (17:15-18)

6. If the way of the world loses and the way of God wins, why do you suppose you struggle to relinquish all aspects of your life to God's control?
7. What does this resistance to yield to God reveal about your heart and where you have placed your trust?
8. According to Psalm 37:4-6, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Proverbs 9:10, where should you place your trust and why?
9. Spend some time praying about this struggle. Ask the Lord to reveal hidden sins and confess and repent as the Spirit leads you.
10. Confession and repentance do not make our struggle with sin go away. The temptation to fall back into old habits will rise. What steps will you take this week to best position yourself for victory against the ways of the world?

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 17:1-18):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- Jesus is the Lamb who will conquer in the end (v14)
- Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings (v14)
- God remains in control until the very end (v17)
- God has a plan that will be fulfilled (v17)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away my sin of . . .
- Jesus, I praise you because you are Lord and King over . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord Jesus, I confess I haven't surrendered to your Lordship over _____ in my life
- Father, forgive me when I try to take control of . . .; help me to remember you're in control

REQUEST:

- Lord, help me remember you are victorious in the end, even when . . .
- God, help me to see your plan for . . .
- Lord, please help me with this specific "one-another" command . . .

READINESS:

- Lord, when I'm tempted to fight for control in my life, I will trust you for . . .
- Lord, when the world tries to seduce me with _____, help me to trust you are the better way
- Lord Jesus, come!