



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

Date: Sunday, January 29, 2023

Title: God's Awesome City

Series: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

Passage: Revelation 21:9-27

Big Idea: Be in Awe, the New Jerusalem is God's perfect city of light for all believers.

1. _____ is gone because God's unity will be _____ in his perfect city (v9-14)

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1

2. _____ are gone because God's perfect plans will be _____ in his perfect city (v15-21)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts you're your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

3. _____ is gone because God's presence will _____ light in his perfect city (v22-27)

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16



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DISCUSSION:

1. Read Rev 21:9-27. What is the largest city that you have ever visited? How does that city compare to this one you just read about?
2. Read Ezekiel 40:1-43:12. What similarities do you observe between Ezekiel's vision and the vision that John has in Revelation 21:9-27?
3. According to Revelation 21:11, what does this city have? How does John describe it?
4. What is the significance of this new city having names of the twelve tribes of Israel, the twelve names of the apostles of the Lamb and twelve angels?
5. Unity of all God's people is important to him. Is there anyone that you are currently not living in unity with? Explain why.
6. Read Rev 21:15-21 and record the details of this city.
7. This new city is 12,000 stadia (2200km) in length, width, and height. Can you imagine what this would look like? Can you imagine how John felt seeing this immense city?
8. God's plans and details for this city are perfect. Do you think that God's plans for your own life are perfect? Explain.
9. Read Rev 21:22-27. What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? What do you learn about the relationship between God and people?
10. If your name is in the Lamb's book of life and you have submitted to Jesus as your Lord and saviour, then you have God dwelling within you. You have his light that you can shine into the darkness. See Ephesians 5:8, 2 Corinthians 4:6, John 12:35-36, John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16. What area of your life do you need to shine the light of this gospel into? Explain.

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 21:9-27)

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

- God's glory is radiant and will be seen (Rev 21:11, Rom 8:18, Ps 19:1, Ex 33:18)
- God's unity is reflected in his creation (Rev 21:12-14, Rom 1:20)
- God's plans are perfect (Rev 21:16-21, Is 55:8-9, Proverbs 3:5-6)
- God dwells among us (Rev 21:22, 1 Co 3:16)
- God's light shines for all to see (Rev 21:23-27, Mt 5:14-16)

REVERENCE

- Lord, we worship you because ...
- Lord, I praise you because your glory will be seen by all those who believe.
- Lord Jesus, we honour and praise you for you made a way for us to become believers and to one day be in the presence of God in the new Jerusalem.
- God, thank you that you are in control and that you fulfill for your perfect plan.

RESPONSE

- Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.
- Lord, I confess that I have not always believed that your plans are good or just.
- Lord, I confess that I don't always live as your temple shining your light.
- Lord, I confess that I don't always believe that the disunity, the defects, and the darkness of this world will ever be overcome by you.

REQUEST

- Lord, show me your glory.
- Lord, I need you to help me believe that you are in control and that you have a plan for me that is worthy to be trusted.
- Lord, help me to live in unity with others as I look to you as my example.
- Lord Jesus, help me to shine your light in the darkness of my life, especially in this specific situation of _____.

READINESS

- Lord, would I live today with a view of how awesome eternity will be in your presence.
- Lord, I am ready to shine your light to a broken world, use me!
- Lord, help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me for the sake of unity.