

**Revelation 18:1-24**

**How Do You Manage Your Time, Talents, and Treasures?**

- What is your greatest passion that you live for day to day?
- What do you get your most joy or contentment from?
- How do you manage your time? Your talents (skills from the Lord)?
- How do you manage your treasure (finances and stuff)?

Revelation 18 tells us about Babylon falling because they cared more about sex and money than they did about God and others. They fall because of this and the only ones who are sad are the ones who will not profit from her.

**Christian, do you care more about God, His people, and others around you than you do your stuff, money, or sensuality?**

**Vs 1-10** God sent a very powerful angel and this angel had great authority.

**This angel shares that Babylon has fallen for her love of sensuality, money, and evil.**

**Do you love worldly stuff or godly stuff more?**

Babylon had been filled with worldliness and satanic worship.

The leaders and kings led toward these evil and wicked things, instead of leading their country toward the Lord and what is good.

God calls His people out. God's people that lived for Him would be protected, but those that lived for themselves, satan, or the world would be justly judged.

God delivers His people through their faith in Jesus.

Babylon fell because they worshipped the created instead of the Creator.

**This is a sad story of a great nation that fell because they lived for and loved the wrong things!**

- **What are you living for now?**
- **Do you live for God and others or do you live for the world?**

**Vs 11-19** All of the people that mourn for Babylon only mourn because she is not there to make them rich or to give them stuff.

**All of our wealth and stuff will fade away. We must live for our Mighty God and heavenly reward, because it is eternal!**

**Vs 20-24** This passage says that Christians can rejoice over God's sovereign, just, and fair hand. Babylon sought evil and wickedness and God saw this and judged it justly. Rejoice over God's judgement knowing you will be judged innocent because of Christ's propitiation for your sin.

**We all have a chance now to turn to Jesus and live for Jesus, but there will be a time when our time is up. Will we be found as faithful servants living for Jesus and waiting on Jesus, or will we be found living for ourselves and sin?**

**God sees that Babylon lived for satan and even persecuted and killed His people.**

- **What is your greatest passion that you live for day to day?**
- **What do you get your most joy or contentment from?**
- **How do you manage your time? Your talents (skills from the Lord)?**
- **How do you manage your treasure (finances and stuff)?**

**In Revelation 18 the people of Babylon loved themselves, lived for sexual promiscuity and money.**

**In Revelation 19 we are going to see that the people who trust in Jesus lived for God and others, and they were rewarded with heaven and with rewards in heaven.**

**Which is more important to you now? Stuff and pleasure now or pleasing God.**

**Let's look at Matthew 23 and 25 and see what Jesus says about the end times.**

**Matt 23- Judgement for those that do not listen to and follow Jesus**

1. Woe to the pharisees and Sadducees because they preach but do not practice godliness.
2. They are legalistic and make living for God hard for others.
3. They are hypocrites.
4. They give a little money to the church but they do not give justice, mercy, faithfulness to God and others.
5. Woe to them because God sent His prophets and word and they did not listen and they would not even listen to Jesus.

**Matt 24- Don't be led astray by things of this world, but stay focused on Jesus. Stay and ready which means live for Him.**

1. Don't be led astray by the things of the world, but stay focused on Christ.
2. Don't follow false gods.
3. Don't let hard times distract you from your calling. Love Jesus and love others and tell people about Him.
4. When all have heard about Jesus, He will return.
5. After the tribulation all will mourn, and then Jesus will come and gather all that are His (Christians).
6. No one knows the time or hour that Jesus will come back. STAY READY - LIVE READY!

**Matt 25- Parable of the 10 virgins- Stay ready for King Jesus, He is coming back for you. Live for Him!**

1. The brides are waiting and ready to be with their husband.
2. God's people need to be waiting and ready to be with Jesus. Don't go to sleep on your faith.
3. Parable of the talents- God has given you some gifts with your time, your talents, and your treasures. DO YOU USE YOUR TIME, GIFTING, AND STUFF FOR GOD AND OTHERS OR JUST FOR SELF? Do you invest in heavenly rewards that are eternal in heaven?
4. How do we invest in God now? Believe Him. Live for Him. Care for others. Share Jesus with others. Love the lowly that do not benefit you now and let them see Jesus in you, because if you love them, you are loving Jesus!
5. God knows those that have faith in Him and live for Him and they will get an eternal heavenly reward. ***What are you doing with your talents!***