



Worship Guide for September 26, 2021

Sermon Notes

Mourning the Harlot's Death Revelation 18 (pew Bible pg. 1038-1039)

In Revelation 17 we saw a picture of the harlot called Babylon and a glimpse of her destruction. This morning we will see how chapter 18 trades the wide-angled view of the previous chapter for a far more narrow and detailed view of the fall of Babylon. This chapter contains a series of mournful responses to the city's destruction by those who benefited the most from their sordid relationship with the prostitute. These responses include dirge-like lyrics sung from a distance by kings, merchants, and seafarers. These responses are bookended with proclamations made by three angels. The chapter once again highlights the reality of the world's system and warns against anyone who would direct their affections toward her and place their hope in her.

Songs of Judgment (v. 1-8)

Songs of Mourning (v. 9-20)

Song of Destruction (v. 21-24)

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

Can you share an instance or situation in your life when you experienced the failure of sin to provide lasting joy, security, or sufficiency?

How do Christians heed the warning of 18:4 without separating entirely from non-Christians or the culture? In what ways should we consistently assess our attachment to or affections of the world?

How is our heart revealed by what we weep over? What causes you to weep? How does a deeper walk with God in his Word align our hearts with the hearts of God? Why is this so important in shaping the way we live in our world?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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