

THE LAMB WILL CONQUER THEM

REVELATION 17:1-18 // TODD DUGARD
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God wants my eyes to be opened to the world's deceptive beauty (17:4a), adulterous ways (17:2-3, 4b-5), vicious persecution of believers (17:6a), unseen source of power (17:6b-13, 18), self-destructive path (17:15-16), ultimate demise (17:14a, 17) and for my confidence to be in who he is (17:14b) and who he says I am (17:14c).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How closely can you identify with people who need assistance to see what is obvious? (Like a husband who needs his wife's help to see what's in the fridge.) Why might people fail to see what is right in front of them?
2. ***In this sermon, Todd explains that the three spiritual battlegrounds are money, sex, and power.*** What parts of the passage show that the woman and beast are wealthy, alluring, and powerful?
3. ***This passage makes us look at humanity, government, and demonic activity from God's righteous perspective. Without the angel to help him see more, John marvelled at the woman and the beast.*** What else did the angel cause John to see besides her beauty, wealth, and power? Why do you also need to see what the angel shows to John?

"We who preach the gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum."

4. **Read in light of Revelation 17, Tozer's statement underscores how the truth of God's holiness and righteousness are incompatible with this world. Yet, John 1:17 tells us Jesus brings us grace and truth.** What are some ways that we can remain true to the message of salvation while also delivering it with loving grace?

5. **Our confidence is in who God is and who he says we are.** Who does God say he is, and who are we to him? How does confidence in these declarations change your approach to these challenging times when Christians face cultural persecution or irrelevance?