



Sin Is Deceptive. Jesus Is Better.

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TODAY'S READING: Revelation 18

When was the last time you had a good cry? I am not much of a crier, probably like most men. However, there is one place that I will let out a few tears....the movie theater. I have always loved movies and am moved by powerful scenery and storytelling. I remember tearing up during Mel Gibson's *The Patriot* when his sons died, and he ran towards the British bearing the American flag at the movie's end. That was awesome, and now I am sure you want to go back and watch the film! The theaters are dark, and no one can see me shed a few tears. These tears are typically emotionally driven. This is not the type of tears shed by those in Revelation 18.

The tears shed in Revelation 18 are from the death of the prostitute in the previous chapter who had used the people of this world. They were given over to lust and drunkenness, all taken away. When it was too late, they saw the prostitute; the spiritual adultery and idolatry of power, materialism, and pleasure was nothing more than a fallacious mirage. This is how sin works in our lives. When we fill our lives and pursue the things of this world, we realize it is false. Nothing in this world can truly satisfy. This world will only offer temporary fulfillment, but it is fleeting.

Those who love this world will experience bitter disappointment and divine judgment, just as we read about in Revelation 18. Satisfaction is only found in Jesus Christ. Where have you been searching for fulfillment and satisfaction? Is it in Jesus Christ or the momentary happiness of this world? Today, spend some time reflecting on where your satisfaction comes from and pray that God would redirect those desires to find fulfillment in Christ alone.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 19

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