

“The Coming Economic Collapse”

Revelation 18:1-24

Sunday, October 8, 2023

1. The Call from Heaven (1-8)

A. “The great difference between Patrick Henry and the average American living today, is that Patrick Henry said ‘give me liberty or give me death,’ while the average American today just says ‘give me’” – Vance Havner

B. (Mt 19:16-24) ¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” ¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ¹⁹ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁰ The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” ²¹ Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” ²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. ²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” NKJV

C. (2 Ti 2:4) "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. " NKJV

D. Filter everything through: ‘Will this give me an opportunity to represent Christ or to become more Christ-like OR will it hinder my walk and distract from my devotion to Christ and His priorities?’

2. The Collapse on Earth (9-20)

A. (Mt 6:21) “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” NKJV

3. The Conclusion to Consider (21-24)

A. (Mt 6:24) "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" NKJV

B. (Mt 6:31–34) ³¹ “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. " NKJV