

APOCALYPSE NOW V

May 25, 2025

READ: Revelation 2:8-11

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Identify four characteristics of the church in Smyrna (v. 9). (What is their situation?)

2. What is a church undergoing *tribulation* experiencing?

How is this tribulation about to be amplified (v. 10)?

3. How is poverty an extension of their tribulation? (How is the threat to livelihood as great as the threat to life?)

4. How is it that they are rich despite of their poverty?

- James 2:5
- 1 Timothy 6:18
- Luke 12:21
- Luke 16:11
- Matthew 6:20

5. What is “a synagogue of Satan”? How does this result in blasphemy against this church?

6. What does it mean that they will be tested (v. 10)? What is the purpose of such tests?

7. What is the reward of faithfulness?

8. What does it look like to have an ear always attuned to the Holy Spirit (v. 11)?

8. What is “the second death”? How, or why, is one not hurt by it?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will store up treasures in heaven this week by . . .

I will focus on the object of my faith this week by . . .

I will follow “The Jesus Way” (1 Peter 2:23; Luke 23:34) this week by . . .