

## Sermon Outline: 4.23.23

Sermon Series: **Apocalypse**  
Sermon Title: ***Poor & Persecuted, But Righteous & Rewarded***  
Sermon Text: Revelation 2:8-11

### Revelation *Apocalypse* Unveiling

Four common phrases in each of the letters:

*“Unto the angel... write”*

*“I know thy works”*

*“He that hath an ear, let him hear”*

*“To him that overcometh”*

### Poor & Persecuted, But Righteous & Rewarded

(Revelation 2:8-11)

#### ***Jesus Had Nothing but Praise for Them***

In the midst of abject poverty and awful persecution...

They were rich... in faith, peace, joy, righteousness.

#### ***Along With a Prophecy & Plea to Them***

The prophecy wasn't pleasant: *“More suffering.”*

(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:17)

The plea was plainspoken: *“Fear none.. be faithful.”*

(Psalm 30:5) (Matthew 10:28)

#### ***Concluding With Promises To & For Them***

A crown of life shall be given.

The second death shall not hurt.

*“Eighty-six years I have served Him. He had never done me wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King who has saved me?”*

*“If you imagine for a moment that I would do that, then I think you pretend you don't know who I am. Hear it plainly. I am a Christian.”*

*“Bring them forth. I would change my mind if it meant going from the worse to the better, but not to change from the right to the wrong.”*

*“You threaten fire that burns for an hour and is over. But the judgment on the ungodly is forever.”*

*“Father, I bless you that you have deemed me worthy of this day and hour, that I might take a portion of the martyrs in the cup of Christ. . . Among these may I today be welcome before thy face as a rich and acceptable sacrifice.”*