

Jesus in Genesis Series
Week 4 outline
10.16.22
Genesis 11

GOD WHO COMES DOWN TO US

I. The Towers We Build (Gen 11:1-4)

A. Four Statements Pointing to Two Conditions of the Human Heart:

1. "Come let us build ourselves a city"
2. "With a tower that reaches to the heavens"
3. "so that we can make a name for ourselves"
4. "Otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth"

Let's build ourselves a city- otherwise we'll be scattered over the whole earth
Let's build ourselves a tower, and make a name for ourselves

B. Two Commands and One Promise of God (Gen 9:1-9)

1. "Be fruitful and increase in number"
2. "Fill the Earth"
3. "Just as I gave... now I give"

Here in Genesis 11 we see our own idols of protection and pride in the mirror:

Trophies of our achievement and attention

Memorials to our self-provision and self-glory

Headstones for our security and significance

THE ACCOUNT OF BABEL IS THE STORY OF US:
WE WANT TO BE AWESOME AND THEN BE NOTICED FOR IT

II. God, the Father, Son, and Spirit Respond with Justice and Grace (Gen 11:5-9)

- A. "But the Lord came down to see the city and tower "the children of man" had built
- B. "Come, let us" - in contrast to the children of man's comments "come let us" in verse 4
-now the triune God councils with himself
- C. "So the Lord scattered"
-in an act of judgment
-and also a work of preservation
-God thwarts their God-belittling plans in order to limit the damage of sin

HERE AT THE TOWER OF BABEL GOD'S GRACE IS PRESENT

III. God's Plan of Redemption at Work (Gen 12:1-3)

A. Babylon

- wanted to make a name for itself.
- it ended up very much like the Hebrew word for "confusion"

B. Nimrod (back in Gen 10:8-10)

- is now slang for Elmer Fudd

C. Eber (Gen 10:25)

- Eber had 2 sons, one being Peleg
 - Eber: is the name from which we get the term moving forward "Hebrew"
 - Peleg: had a son named Terah, and Terah had 3 sons
 - Nahor
 - Haron
 - Abram

D. Abram: (Gen 12:1-3)

- would become Abraham, whose line would eventually bring the savior promised in Gen 3 to Adam and Eve- the messiah name Jesus.
- Under His direction, in His provision, for His glory, He says:**
 1. *I will make you into a great nation (not just a city) and I will bless you; and not only that but ALL PEOPLES of the earth will be blessed by you*
 2. *I will make your name great and you will be a blessing; I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you*

IV. Whose Name Is Being Lifted Up?

A. Religion or the Gospel

- Religion, like the tower of Babel- is mans attempt to reach God
- The Gospel is God's attempt to reach man... and the difference is His plan Worked!

B. What will our lives be about? (2 Corinthians 3:18)

- What we will accomplish, or what God is accomplishing?
- What we will build, or what he will build?
- What we can make of ourselves, or what he is making us into?

C. God calls us through the Gospel much like he called Abraham in Gen chapter 12

- Mt 16:24, Phil 2:6-11

OUR TROPHIES WILL BE PACKED AWAY
OUR MEMORIALS WILL BECOME COVERED IN DUST
OUR HEADSTONES WILL EVENTUALLY FADE AWAY
BUT THERE IS ONE NAME AND ONE PURPOSE THAT LASTS AN ETERNITY
HIS NAME IS JESUS CHRIST