

The Babble of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

Since proud people's attempts to defy God always fail, we are to trust in and submit ourselves to God's Son.

The intentions of proud people (11:1-4)

They rebelled against God's Word

They resolved to reach God by their works

They revealed their fear of being forgotten

The Intervention of our Gracious God (11:5-8)

God humbles Himself to behold the works of man

God's foils man's foolish plans of rebellion

God fulfills the plans of His Kingdom

Whose fame are you seeking?

Whose kingdom are we building?

In whom do we trust for salvation and security?

Tabletalk Questions

For 1-9-11 sermon

"The Babble of Babel" Genesis 11:1-9

What motivated the people to build the tower (11:4)? How did their desire conflict with God's revealed will (9:1)? In what ways might we be guilty of similar motives (Jam.4:13-17)?

What is the Biblical alternative to making a name for ourselves (12:2)? Which of these two paths describes your life?

What was the basis of their unity (11:4; see Rev.13)? Why do all human efforts to achieve world unity fall short of what God desires?

Why did God have to come "down to see the city and the tower" (Ps.113:4-6)? What does God's assessment of these tower builders (11:6) teach us about the heart of man, and about God?

Why was the confusing of their languages an effective way for scattering people over the face of the whole earth? How was God's judgment on them tempered with mercy (compare Gen.6-9)?

If God has ever humbled you by scattering your plans, what did you learn about His character from that experience?