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God Forbids One World Unity Until Christ Comes

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Sermon Text: Genesis 11

Scripture Reading: Psalm 2

Recently I saw a bumper sticker that said:

- One world,
- One people,
- One community
- One goal

We see this one-world ideology very frequently in many arenas. Economic, political, religious, academic. And this morning I want to demonstrate to you from Scripture that the Christian must never be a proponent of a borderless, united world society until Christ returns. Until then, only wickedness

will result from the uniting of the nations.

You have heard it already in our Psalm 2 Scripture reading:

Psalms 2:1-3 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, (3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Lessons from History

We have seen efforts by man down through history to establish some kind of "one world order." Most commonly however *we see this through the cruelty and force of some would-be god/king* such as the Roman emperor, Alexander the Great, the Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Egyptians, and in more recent times Hitler, various communist leaders and so on. One world order, but one that is imposed by force.

And what always happens when such men come to power? Peace? Love? Prosperity? Hardly. Just the opposite.

In this fallen, wicked world which is opposed to Christ, the uniting of nations is always rebellion against the Lord and results inevitably in increased evil and cruelty.

And yet, people still try to promote it. The liberal agenda today has this one-world order as one of its main planks and agendas. You see it in the establishment of the League of Nations following World War I and its development into the United Nations of today. This thing is foisted on us as some means of guaranteeing peace, but as God's Word tells us, the only thing that results when sinful nations unite is greater evil, greater oppression, greater rebellion against the Lord.

The Tower

Let's go way back to almost the beginning of history and look at the classic Scripture account which lays this all out for us in perfect clarity – the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis chapter 11-

Genesis 11:1-9 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. (2) And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of

Shinar and settled there. (3) And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. (4) Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." (5) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. (6) And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. (7) Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. (9) Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

The Tower is not the first time mankind had rebelled against God. Why did the Lord wipe out everyone but Noah and his family with the flood?

Genesis 6:1-5 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, (2) the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. (3) Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." (4) The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. (5) **The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

At the root of this one-world order mentality is rebellion against the Lord and *a denial of the evil of man's heart*. Any system, any philosophy, that insists that man is noble and good, that in fact man's every intention is continual evil, is antichrist in its being.

And yet here it comes again. After the flood you had one language, one people:

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What did this one-world order do? Here it is:

3) And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. (4) **Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."**

What is this? It is rebellion against God. God had commanded man to fill the earth, but right away man rejects that command. He does more. He sets out to be God himself. That is what all his talk was about. It is the spirit of the devil, this idea of "ascending into the heavens" and making a name for themselves.

In other words, this one-world order mentality and worldview *is devilish, antichrist, and thoroughly wicked rebellion against God*. It is ALWAYS what results when the nations strive to unite, because what unites them is their hatred of God and their desire to cast away His every control over them.

We see this everywhere today, do we not? Young people, as you go off to college, you are going to see this thing dominating the campus. It is what is behind the insistence today that we

must do away with borders. It is the “co-exist” theme you hear about all the time. The entire system is man’s evil attempt to deify himself, to become God. This is also why you find Christianity being the particular object of man’s hatred while other religions seem to fare better. There is some system of one-world order in them. The amazing thing is that sinful man would rather have a wicked, oppressive, one-world power over him that to bow his knee to Christ!

What is God’s view of the whole matter? Listen again:

(5) And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. (6) And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. (7) Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech."

This is extremely plain, is it not? *The Lord is opposed to a one-world order in this present sinful fallen world!* The Lord’s decree is that man be separated into different cultures and languages and nations. Why? Because it is a

protection against united evil. When the Lord says-

“Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

...He means that *no degree of evil will be impossible for them.* Everything a one-world order proposes to do *is evil!* Because the entire system is one of defiance against God.

Psalms 2:2-3 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, (3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

And so the Lord acted to ensure *disunity* among the nations:

Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. (9) Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

That must have been total chaos! Even the name Babel is given to it because it means “confusion.” God worked to ensure that man would be dispersed over the whole earth, separated into language, cultures, and nations.

We say again, *no Christian can hold to any proposal of a one-world order in this present fallen world. To do so is to join ranks with the mass of humanity that is in rebellion against God.*

The Spirit of the Antichrist

There is another one-world order attempt on its way. In fact the Apostle John’s teaching about the antichrist being at work in the world even now is probably connected to what we read about in 2 Thessalonians:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, (2) not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

(3) Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of

destruction, (4) **who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.** (5)

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? (6) And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time.

(7) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

(8) And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **(9) The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, (10) and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.**

(11) Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, (12) in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

So one-world order movements are a great deception and are empowered by

the enemy who is trying to be the “ANTI” (instead of; against) Christ. You see it coming to fruition in Revelation:

Revelation 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. (9) And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, (10) and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

That is to say, there is another man-made Tower of Babel coming which Christ will fully and finally destroy.

Therefore, Christian, don't be deceived by some person or system that promises peace and prosperity through building any kind of tower of Babel. All one-world orders are opposed to God and are evil at their foundation.

**The Final One-World Order:
Christ's Kingdom**

There IS a one-world kingdom coming that is God's will. If you are a Christian, then you are a citizen of it already. But it is going to be fully effected only when Christ returns and deals one final blow that will destroy all evil once and for all.

Ungodly one-world order proponents ALWAYS live and think in denial of evil. They believe man is fundamentally good and if just provided with the right environment and resources, he will embrace peace and love and unity. But notice once again how Paul describes Christ's coming:

2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— (6) since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, (7) and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels (8) in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

(9) They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, (10) when he

comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

(11) To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, (12) so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

church members or churches gathering together for their own glory, striving for bigness and greatness, claiming that they can accomplish what only Christ can, then you can be sure that the whole thing is not of the Lord.

Understand? Before a one-world order can ever come and be a blessing to us, evil must be destroyed. Wicked people who hate Christ must be judged and put away to eternal destruction. Any other means of pursuing a one-world kingdom is not only destined to fail, it is destined to enable and empower wickedness and cruelty.

Finally, a warning to the churches. We must all take care that we do not find ourselves deceived and caught up in the spirit of some “one-church order” that is nothing more than another attempt to deify man and build a Tower of Babel. Take a look at the Roman Catholic “church” if you want an example of this.

But Protestant churches must beware as well. Whenever we see pastors or