

Genesis 10-11 Devotions

☐ Monday - How High is Heaven?

Genesis 11:4

“And they said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven’ (Gen. 11:4). No matter how high they could have stacked those clay bricks in Babel, they could not reach Heaven. We cannot reach God through human endeavor. “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast” (Eph. 2:8-9). Read Rom. 3:20, 28; Gal. 2:16, 3:11

☐ Tuesday - The City of God.

Genesis 11:4

“And they said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into Heaven...’ (Gen. 11:4). The name of their city was Babel, which originally meant “Gateway to God,” though a similar sounding word, meaning “confusion”, became the city’s legacy. So also today the major cities of the man-made religions of the world dot the map: Rome, Mecca, Jerusalem, etc.. But they are no gateway to Heaven either. There is but one Heavenly City, “whose architect and builder is God” (Heb. 11:10,16); that is, the Church, the “New Jerusalem” (Rev. 21:2,9-10), the “City of the Living God” (Heb. 12:22). Friend, is your citizenship there? (Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20). Read John 14:2-3

☐ Wednesday - What’s in a Name.

Genesis 11:4

The inhabitants of Babel declared as their purpose, “Let us make for ourselves a name” (Gen. 11:4). Obviously there was no optometrist in Babel, because the inhabitants were terribly short-sighted. They made as their ambition temporal fame, not an eternal future; they sought to be known by men, rather than known by God. But what good is a name in a history book, if it is not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life! Christian, “Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:2-2).

Read Prov. 18:10

☐ Thursday - Magnify the Lord!

Genesis 11:4

The inhabitants of Babel had lost their way. They had forgotten life’s purpose and the reason for their existence. They said, “Come let us make for ourselves a name” (Gen. 11:4). But what is man’s purpose? “Man’s purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever” (Westminster Catechism). Friend you were created, not to make a name for yourself, but to make a name for Christ. “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together” (Psa. 34:3). Read Psalm 105:1-2

☐ Friday - Christ, All in All.

Genesis 11:4

“Whenever a culture glorifies humanity and makes man everything, it is not long before it minimizes God and makes Him nothing” (W. H. Griffith Thomas). Humanism is no friend of humanity. Let Christ be all in all (Eph. 1:23).

Read 1 Pet. 3:15