

SERMON OUTLINE

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Lessons from the Tower of Babel

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I. Introduction

- A. God's Instruction to Mankind: After the flood **Genesis 9:1,7**
- B. Man's Response: **Genesis 11:1-9** - Build city, tower, make a name

II. Lessons from the Tower

- A. God Cares for Us
 - 1. Why this command - "Be fruitful & multiply"? For ME
 - a. **Gen 1:22,28-31** - animals & man; After flood **8:17; 9:1**
 - b. See His care - **Psalm 8** - This world for ME
 - c. Enjoy life - **Eccl 2:24; 3:13; 5:18** - enjoyment from God.
 - d. **1 Timothy 6:17** "...God gives us richly all things to enjoy"
 - 2. God's Care for Our Spiritual Life
 - a. **1 Timothy 4:7-10** - godliness for life to come
 - b. **Romans 8:31** - Did not spare His Son...
 - c. **2 Peter 1:3** - "all things pertaining to life and godliness"
- B. Stop Living for Futility **Genesis 11:4**
 - 1. **Building My Tower of Accomplishment** (build city/tower)
 - a. Became (started?) places of worship - **Matt 7:21-23**
 - (1) Like Saul: Spared best of Amalekites for the Lord.
 - (2) Micah: Present my firstborn for my sin???
 - b. Lesson: **1 Sam 15:22** - "To OBEY is better than sacrifice"
 - 2. **Building My Tower of Significance** (make a name)
 - a. The apostles fought for it: **Mark 10:35-37** - significance!!!
 - b. Lesson: **Mark 10:41-45** - Stop thinking this way!!!
 - 3. **Building My Tower of Security** (lest scattered)
 - a. They sought safety - rut - what they knew
 - (1) **Luke 12:16f** - Rich man - ease, eat, drink, merry
 - (2) **Luke 12:29-30** - eat / drink / clothes - eagerly seek
 - b. Lesson: **Luke 12:31-34** - Place security in GOD
 - 4. End Result of EACH: Trust in SELF
- C. Allow the Trials to Turn You Back to God
 - 1. Ultimately forced to do God's will - for OWN GOOD
 - 2. My TOWER will fail - then what? **2 Peter 3:11** - since...
 - 3. Will we give our lives to Him - TRUST???