

BEGINNINGS

A STUDY OF GENESIS 1-11

WEEKLY WORSHIP TOOLS

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PURPOSE AND SUGGESTED USE

Crosspoint Church has set out to produce an issue of *Weekly Worship Tools* for the encouragement and resourcing of our church body each week. Each Saturday, this guide is published with the hope that it will aid you in being transformed by the gospel and living daily on mission.

This document is structured in two categories: weekend resources and weekday resources. Sundays we gather for Corporate Worship and sit under the teaching of the Word of God as we fellowship together. The first guide listed in the Table of Contents below, "Prepare for Worship," is produced to stir our meditation on the passage to be preached, causing us to prepare our hearts for the message on Sunday. Additionally, we have provided you with a basic outline of the "Sermon Notes" to guide your attention and participation with the Pastor as he works through the message. Furthermore, a set of lyric sheets have been added following the "Prepare for Worship" for your convenience as you join in worship through song on Sunday morning.

A Sermon Discussion Guide and a Daily Worship Guide are provided for individual or household worship through the week. The focus of Monday is an opportunity to look back at the Scripture preached on Sunday. Tuesday brings in a related New Testament scriptural focus. Each Wednesday we will read an Old Testament passage that connects to what is being communicated through our sermon Scripture. Thursday's focus is observing a Psalm that relates to this passage and our immediate context. Fridays begin looking forward to the coming Sunday as we observe the Scripture passage for the coming Corporate Worship gathering.

It is recommended that you use this set of tools alongside your Bible with a way to record any notes, insights, or questions (i.e. in a journal, word doc, etc.) you may have while you study.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Last Sunday, Ryan Heard preached the sermon: "More than a Second Chance," from Genesis 9:18-10:32, and showed us that man needs more than a second chance regarding sin; man needs a Savior.

Read: Genesis 11:1-32

This Sunday, Pastor Ken Lewis will close our series in Genesis 1-11 with a sermon from Genesis 11:1-32. As we consider the event of the tower of Babel, we will see that God's merciful judgment topples man's towering pride. Also, we will be observing the Lord's Supper together this Sunday! As you prepare your heart for our gathering, let this devotional from Paul Tripp help you to further deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus (Matthew 16:24).

Reflect: Deconstructing the Kingdom of Self

What I'm about to ask won't be easy to answer.

When was the last time you did something outwardly "for God" that was actually inwardly motivated by personal gain?

That's a hard question because it first requires the courage of humble honesty. It's not easy for us to admit that we prioritize ourselves over our Lord and Savior. But second, it's a hard question because we struggle to see our motives, words and actions with biblical accuracy.

Let me rephrase the question and lead with personal confession, using two examples from my own life and ministry.

When was the last time you served someone you loved, not first because you wanted to freely sacrifice for their good, but because you were attempting to put them in your debt for later?

When was the last time you participated in a public ministry activity, not first because you wanted to build the Kingdom of God, but because you wanted other people to notice, respect, admire, or accept you?

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

You see, in our everyday lives, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of self are always at war with one another.

As long as sin remains, our motives, words and actions are shaped by a troublesome mix of the agenda of these two kingdoms.

So today, I want to give you five questions to ask of yourself regularly. These questions are not designed to beat you down with guilt, but to give you eyes to see the deceptive kingdom of self.

1. **Self-Focus:** Before making a decision, do you think, "What's in it for me?" or do you freely sacrifice for the good of another without expecting a return?
2. **Self-Righteousness:** Are you more concerned with, and on the lookout for, the sin, weakness and moral failure of others than you are your own?
3. **Self-Satisfaction:** Do you feel regularly discontent, always looking for something new to satisfy you, instead of being satisfied with a God-honoring life?
4. **Self-Reliance:** Do you avoid living in intrusive and intentional relationships, where others admit their need for grace and seek the help of biblical community?
5. **Self-Rule:** Which law gets the most attention and the quickest response in your life and relationships, the Word of God or your own desires?

That's a pretty devastating list of questions! Which of us could ever measure up to that standard?

But we have Good News - there is a Warrior Savior, and abundant grace for the battle of these two kingdoms!

On the Cross, Jesus broke the power of the kingdom of self. He paid the debt for every self-centered motive, word and action that we prioritize over biblical living.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

“Deconstructing the Kingdom of Self,” May 31, 2017 Devotional in Wednesday Word, by Paul Tripp.

Sing: Song List for Sunday

1. “Great I Am,” by New Life Worship
2. “Jesus, Only Jesus,” by Passion
3. “My Worth Is not in What I Own,” Arr. Shane & Shane

SONG LYRICS

"GREAT I AM"
Jared Anderson

Verse 1

I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one

Chorus

Hallelujah holy holy
God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee
God Almighty great I Am

Verse 2

I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one

Bridge

The mountains shake before You
The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no power in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am (5X)

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SONG LYRICS

"JESUS ONLY JESUS"

Chris Tomlin | Christy Nockels | Kristian Stanfill | Matt Redman
Nathan Nockels | Tony Wood

Verse 1

Who has the power to raise the dead
Who can save us from our sin
He is our hope our righteousness
Jesus only Jesus

Verse 2

Who can make the blind to see
Who holds the keys that set us free
He paid it all to bring us peace
Jesus only Jesus

Chorus

Holy King Almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore
I join with them and bow before
Jesus only Jesus

Verse 3

Who can command the highest praise
Who has the name above all names
You stand alone I stand amazed
Jesus only Jesus

Bridge

You will command the highest praise
Yours is the Name above all names
You stand alone I stand amazed
Jesus only Jesus

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SONG LYRICS

"MY WORTH IS NOT IN WHAT I OWN (AT THE CROSS)"

Graham Kendrick | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty

Verse 1

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

Verse 2

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

Verse 3

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

Verse 4

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Verse 5

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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SERMON NOTES

GOD TOPPLES TOWERING PRIDE

Genesis 11

Big Idea: God's merciful judgment topples man's towering pride.

Isaiah 2:17

And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low, and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

I. Man's towering pride (11:1-4)

A. One language (vv. 1-2)

Genesis 11:1-2

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

B. One plan (vv. 3-4)

1. To build a city to escape being scattered by God (vv. 4a, c)

Genesis 11:3

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.

Genesis 11:4a

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens,

Genesis 11:4c

lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

- *They abandoned God's will for their own.*
- *They were trusting in a city instead of God.*

2. To build a tower to exalt themselves rather than God (4ab)

Genesis 11:4a

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens,

Genesis 11:4b

and let us make a name for ourselves,

SERMON NOTES

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- *Pride promotes self while resisting God.*
- *A fall is prefaced by pride (Prov. 16:18; 2 Chronicles 26:14-21).*

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Example: King Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:14-21)

- *The inescapable reality is that everything we do is done in allegiance to, and in pursuit of, either the kingdom of self or the kingdom of God.*

II. God's merciful judgment (11:5-9)

A. The Lord descends (v. 5)

Genesis 11:5

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.

- *Nothing that man says, thinks, or does escapes God's notice.*

Psalms 33:13-15

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

B. The Lord speaks (vv. 6-7)

1. Man's continued unity will lead to ever increasing depravity (v. 6).

Genesis 11:6

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.

- *The path of pride always leads down not up.*

SERMON NOTES

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Genesis 11

The phrase “nothing ... will be impossible for them” likely refers, not to the heights of accomplishment that mankind might achieve, but to the depths of sin to which mankind is capable of falling. In other words, “If I let their sin go unchecked, there is no telling how much worse it will get. No rebellion will be too great for them. Nothing will be sacred in their crooked hearts.”

Strassner, K. - Opening up Genesis, p. 55

2. Let's confuse their language (v. 7).

Genesis 11:7

Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.”

Psalm 33:10

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

C. The Lord acts (vv. 8-9)

Genesis 11:8-9

So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 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 purposes of God will never be thwarted.*

Job 42:2

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.



Sermon Notes



What book of the Bible are we learning from?

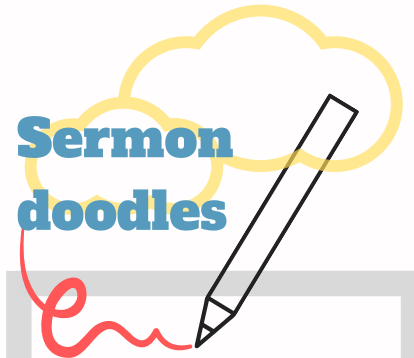


Who's preaching this morning?

What is the big idea of the sermon?

Write down two things that stand out to you from today's sermon.

Did you learn anything new about God, people, or salvation?



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

OBJECTIVE: TO SEE THAT GOD'S MERCIFUL JUDGMENT TOPPLES MAN'S TOWERING PRIDE.

DISCUSS

- Read Genesis 11:1-9. What encouraged, convicted, or helped you from this week's message and passage?
- What does this passage tell us about God? About man?
- Why did God punish Babel for building their tower?
- Similar to Babel, how does our disobedience to God demonstrate unbelief in our hearts?
- What is pride? How does the truth of the gospel protect us from walking in pride? (Eph. 4:17-24)
- How is God calling us to live in light of this passage? As individuals and as a community of believers?

For larger groups, consider the following questions leading into smaller group prayer time. You may want to type these questions into the chat.

- In light of this passage, what is one act of obedience the Holy Spirit is calling you towards this week?
- Is there one burden you need help shouldering?
- What is your one prayer request for personal renewal?

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Prideful humanity seeks to make a name for themselves and build a tower towards the heavens in defiance of God and in an effort to not be scattered throughout the world. God sees and acts in righteous justice to show that his power and plans will never be thwarted.

READ: Genesis 11:1-9

- Why was wrong with the city of Babel and its tower in the eyes of God?
- What does God think about human pride? How did God's actions humble the pride of the people?
- How does the gospel enable us to put off our pride and put on humility that honors God?

PRAY

- Praise God for his sovereign and righteous rule over the Earth.
- Pray that prideful humanity would repent, humbly believe the gospel, and honor God.
- Pray that you would walk humbly with your God each day.

SING: "All I Have is Christ," by Sovereign Grace

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugGucoYMmKg>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY

God delights in the humble in heart, but by pride man makes himself God's enemy. Pride is the primary motivation behind disobedience; we believe that we know what is best and oppose God in the process. Therefore, "God opposes the proud". But He remembers that man is dust (Psalm 103:14) and shows grace to the humble. Only by the Spirit can we be made so and thus "Clothe [ourselves]... with humility towards one another."

READ: James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5

- Why do you think God opposes the proud?
- In what ways is it increasingly difficult to resist pride?
- How is it possible for us to become humble?
- What do these passages teach us about man? What about God?

PRAY

- Confess where you have opposed God through prideful unbelief.
- Ask God for grace to be made humble and trust that He is working everything together for good.
- Thank God for providing the way for us to become humble by His grace alone.

SING: "I Surrender All," by Lifeway Worship

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtuRB4VhN_A&a)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020

PRIDE COMES BEFORE THE FALL

King Uzziah became King of Judah in place of his Father Amaziah at the age of 16. He did what was right before the Lord and was helped, the scriptures say, till he was strong. Upon becoming strong he became proud, and it was his pride that led to his fall.

READ: 2 Chron 26:14-21

- What immediately stands out to you when you read vs. 14-16?
- What is significant about the statement in vs 16 “But when he was strong, he grew proud...”?
- How did Uzziah respond to Azariah’s rebuke?
- How does pride blind us from sin and our need for Jesus?

PRAY

- Ask God to reveal to you where you struggle with pride. Confess those to God and rely upon him.
- Praise God for his mercy and grace that are eternally available to those who are in Christ.

SING: “How deep the Father’s Love for us,” by Austin Stone Worship
(https://youtu.be/z65YxhqY0_E)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020

ENTHRONED ON HIGH

In Psalm 33, God's steadfast love for His people is celebrated and readers are shown how God's love is an extension of His very being. In verses 13-17, the Psalmist zooms in to display God's transcendence--He is the almighty Creator enthroned in the heavens. By contrast, human kings and warriors can never be defined by their own might, for they are subject to God's plans. Just like the "mighty" men of this passage, we are just as dependent on God's grace for salvation and rescue in this broken world.

READ: Psalm 33:13-17

- What images come to mind as you read verses 13-15?
- Just like the kings and warriors of this passage, how do we try to save ourselves from difficult circumstances today?
- Read Philippians 2:5-8. What is the significance of Jesus' incarnation in light of these truths in Psalm 33?

PRAY

- Ask God to reveal areas of your life where you don't trust Him as your deliverer.
- Thank God for bringing once-and-for-all rescue through Jesus.

SING: "King of Kings," by Hillsong Worship

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izxPeNU>)

DAILY WORSHIP GUIDE

For Individual or Household Worship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020

THE LORDS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL THINGS

Paul's speaks of his dependence on the Lord to sustain him in all things and all situations. Above all, Gods grace is more than sufficient.

READ: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

- What does it mean to boast? What does Paul say about his boasting in this passage?
- What happens to Paul in this passage to lead to his pleading? How does the Lord respond?
- Is there something you have pleaded with the Lord about? How can Paul's words be an encouragement to you today?
- How can this passage help you to have a right view of your weakness.

PRAY

- Ask the Lord to show you how his grace covers all weakness and struggle in your life.
- Pray for someone that is suffering or feels helpless and pray (and share the gospel) for Gods grace to be sufficient in all things for them.

SING: "Your Grace is Enough," by Chris Tomlin

(<https://youtu.be/Tx2-wdI4qkl>)