



Reflection Questions

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Another Global Judgement

Genesis 11:1-9

Despite receiving a clear command to fill the earth, the people of Shinar chose instead to unify around their own ambitions, using their technological advancement to build a city and tower meant to glorify themselves rather than God. In response, God confused their languages and dispersed them across the earth -- not merely as punishment, but as an act of mercy that prevented further self-destruction.

Reflection Questions:

1. The people of Babel used their technological advancement in brick-making to pursue autonomy from God rather than to glorify Him. In what ways might Christians today be tempted to use modern advancements, such as artificial intelligence or social media, in ways that place human achievement at the top of the tower rather than God's glory?
2. Moving eastward in Genesis consistently signals a separation from God, as seen with Adam and Eve, Cain, and now the builders of Babel. What patterns or directions in your own life might signal a drift away from God, and how can you recognize them before they lead to deeper rebellion?
3. The builders of Babel said 'let us make a name for ourselves,' which is a desire for self-glorification and autonomy. In what subtle ways do we pursue making a name for ourselves in our careers, families, or communities, and how does the Gospel redirect that ambition?
4. Every rebellion against God requires a unified language, a shared set of assumptions and talking points that replace God's truth. How can Christians faithfully maintain their commitment to biblical truth when the cultural pressure to adopt a different language grows increasingly intense?
5. God's judgment at Babel is described as an act of mercy, because unified rebellion leads to self-destruction. How does understanding God's judgment as an expression of mercy change the way you think about the difficult circumstances or disruptions He allows in your life or in society?
6. 'What is at the top of your tower?' Thinking honestly, what competing loves, ambitions, or fears most frequently occupy the highest place in your heart, and what practical steps might help you dethrone them?