

## **“The Two Towers”**

**Genesis 11:1–9**

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**Intro** • *What is the dumbest thing you’ve ever done to try to get attention or “make a name” for yourself?*

Opening Text • **Isaiah 2:12–17** • We can lift up ourselves (12) or we can lift up God (vs 17). You can’t do both!

**Vs 1–4** • Which heaven are they trying to reach—the “sky”, or God’s realm? = both!

→ trying to build higher into the sky than any other earthly tower

→ but their PRIDE is exalting themselves above God (like Satan in **Isaiah 14:13–15**)

→ Everything they desire (a city, a tower, a name, unity, permanence) is rightly found in God alone!

**CITY** = our true “city” is in heaven • **Hebrews 13:14, Hebrews 11:9, John 14:1–3; Revelation 21:10–27**

**TOWER** = Jesus is our “strong tower” • **Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 18:2**

Jesus is also our access to heaven; our “ladder” • **Genesis 28:12, John 1:51**

**NAME** = We are in the “name above all names” Jesus! • **John 17:11**

The driving desire in our culture today is for a “name” = to feel significant; to stand out; to be noticed! But **Luke 10:20**—“*Rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven!*”

**Discuss** • *How is the need for significance seen in the various political, moral, and social movements in our society?*

**Vs 5** • Ancient towers were used for astrology & spiritism; this is another aspect of Satan’s scheme to make us independent of God = religion based on man’s efforts and spiritual substitutes for Jesus!

They try to ASCEND in their building; but God COMES DOWN. That is the message of the Gospel!

**Vs 6** • God isn’t being petty or feeling threatened. He stops their foolishness for their own good!

**Vs 7** • God confuses their languages to divide them; later at Pentecost, He gives the gift of TONGUES to unite strangers in the Gospel!

**Vs 8–9** • They fear being “scattered”; later, God will “scatter” His church through persecution, to spread the message of the Gospel worldwide!

**Discuss** • *What keeps Christians and Churches today from “scattering”—getting out into the world with the Gospel? How can we be more obedient to the Great Commission?*

**CLOSING** • Let’s be all about making a BIG DEAL of the name of Jesus; but NEVER our own name. It is about HIS FAME, not ours!