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MATTHEW 7:24-27

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.



THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

“The Christian worldview actually has the answer these leaders can’t seem to locate: the deep-seated nature of sin, which infects all aspects of humanity, including our technological tools. In contrast to the Christian call to orient one’s life around loving God and neighbor, sin orients us around personal autonomy and serving self... Humans chose to create these tools, and we can choose how to use them—or not.”

- Jason Thacker, The Gospel Coalition,
“The Social Dilemma and the Bigger Dilemma”



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GENESIS 11:1-2

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words. As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.



HUMAN PRIDE

GENESIS 11:3-4

They began saying to each other, “Let’s make bricks and harden them with fire.” (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.) Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”



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GENESIS 11:5-7

But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! Come, let’s go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won’t be able to understand each other.



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GENESIS 11:8-9

In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.



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1 PETER 5B-6

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.



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2. Remember the Lord and Worship Him Alone

PSALM 103:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

REVELATION 2:5A

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.



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1 CHRONICLES 29:14

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

