



“Although the Genesis 11 report of the building of Babel is exceptionally brief, nine verses in all, this city casts a long shadow over the whole of the Bible...Babel is not restricted to Genesis 11. Babel typifies every proud human enterprise that seeks to exalt the creature over the Creator.” — T. Desmond Alexander

“The primeval history reaches its fruitless climax as man, conscious of new abilities, prepares to glorify and fortify himself by collective effort. The elements of the story are timelessly characteristic of the spirit of the world. The project is typically grandiose; men describe it excitedly to one another as if it were the ultimate achievement...At the same time they betray their insecurity as they crowd together to preserve their identity and control their fortunes.” — Derek Kidner

“At root, all sin is to live for the glory and praise of human beings instead of living to please the one and only true God. Sin is the hunt for self-glory. The impulse to self-glory lives inside every one of us. In Charles Spurgeon’s words, ‘It is hard work to keep from glorifying self. If anyone were to say, ‘I have no ambition for self-glory,’ he would be lying. He would deny that which is his very aim in life. For in

every man there lurks some love of self-glory. We think we are something when we are nothing. Then the Lord must prune us back to reality.” — Tony Reinke

“Life’s most basic questions boil down to determining who gets the glory-God or his creatures.” — Bryan Chapell