

The Glorious Gospel God Opposes the Proud

Genesis 10, 11:1-9

Proverbs 16:5-19; Philippians 2:1-11



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Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our goals
- What are we doing to pursue our goals
 - Catechism Questions and Meditation
 - Scripture Memorization and Meditation

What have we learned in the previous weeks?

- God's Long-suffering Character despite man's wickedness
- Noahic covenant

The Fall of the Tower of Babel is a Picture of Pride in the World - (Genesis 11:1-9)

- The people united in sin rather than obeying God in filling the earth - Genesis 9:1
- The Tower of Babel is an example of humankind's pride and rebellion against God - Genesis 11:1-9
 - The people of earth were united in language, speech, and dwelling
 - They wanted to build themselves a tower and city to the heavens
 - They wanted to make a name for themselves
- In this incident, the people were brought low because they intended to exalt themselves - Matthew 23:12
- We learn that God shares HIS glory with no one - Psalms 115:1-3.
- God does all (Eternal Plan) for His name's sake and no other - Isaiah 48:11
- We see that God did not destroy them but only scattered them because God was long-suffering and faithful to the Noahic Covenant Genesis 9:11.

Pride comes before a fall (Proverbs 16:5)

- Pride is self and putting self at the centre other than God - Psalms 10:4
- Pride is self-righteousness, self-sufficiency, self-glorification, it is all about self - Genesis 11:4
- Pride is the foundation of all sins - Isaiah 14:12-15 , Ezekiel 28:17
- Pride is a hindrance to salvation and to a fruitful relationship with God - Psalms 138:6

- Boasting is evil - James 4:13-16
- Pride dwells in the heart - 1 John 2:16, Obadiah 1:3
- Choosing to do my own will - living according to my own desires, reasonings, and opinions - rather than God's will, is pride.
- We may think we are in control, but eventually, pride will wreck our lives and cause us to crash as the Tower of Babel - Proverbs 16:18
 - God hates pride and opposes the proud - Psalm 5:5; Proverbs 8:13; 6:16-18
 - Pride is a sin against God and His commandments Proverbs 16:17, 6:5.

Pride before and after flood

- Adam and Eve - Genesis 3:1-7
 - Adam and Eve were creatures made in the image of God.
 - They were not satisfied, however, to be in God's image, but wanted to be like God, knowing good and evil.
 - This rebellion against God was motivated by pride
- Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-8
 - It's about having a bad attitude (toward God) and thinking "He is unjust".
 - Cain displays one example of pride which is the pride of self-pity.
 - PRIDE went before Cain's fall.
- Pre-flood - Genesis 6:1-7
 - Violence and corruption are examples of self and pride
- Noah's fall of nakedness and drunkenness - Genesis 9:21
- Currently, we live in perilous times - 2 Timothy 3:1-13
 - Men proudly flaunt their accomplishments, possessions, and name titles. Pride is celebrated in the world
 - Praising self denies God the glory, such prideful boasting is evil
- We are commanded to glory in understanding and knowing God - Jeremiah 9:23, Romans 2:17, 1 Corinthians 1:31

Pride in the Rise and Destructions of Kingdoms (Genesis 10)

- The rise and the fall of Kingdoms are all in God's hands and not man - 2 Chronicles 20:6, Job 12:23-24, Proverbs 21:1, Daniel 2:21
- Egypt - Pride and fall of Pharaoh - Exodus 7:3-4
- Assyria - Pride and fall of Sennacherib - Isaiah 36,37
- Babylon - Pride and fall of Belshazzar - Daniel 5:18-28
- The current world system/kingdom is also wicked evidenced by some of its prideful and selfish leaders - 2 Corinthians 4:4
- For the believers, the good news is "Our God reigns" - Psalms 47:8, Isaiah 52:7
- We are awaiting this promise of the Everlasting Kingdom ruled by Jesus Christ Revelation 11:15

God gives Grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34)

- Opposing God's will is essentially saying that I know better than God and I don't need God.
- This leads to works of the flesh, because then our actions are not Spirit-led - Galatians 5:18-21
- To the contrary, humility is to submit to the Spirit's leading, and the result of this will be that I bear the fruit of the Spirit which includes meekness, enabling us to submit to God's will and others - Ephesians 4:2
- God gives more grace to the humble. - James 4:6
- Living examples in a prideful world - Micah 6:8
 - Enoch walked with God midst wickedness - Genesis 5:24
 - Daniel dwelt and governed in Babylon - Daniel 2:48
 - Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 4:34-37

Jesus is the Perfect Example of True Humility (Philippians 2:1-11)

- Humility is esteeming others better than ourselves. We are commanded to be like-minded, unselfish in ambition, have the same love and be of one accord with fellow brethren - Philippians 2:1-4
- Jesus is the perfect example of humility, and we are called to learn from Him Mathew 11:29, Philippians 2:5-11, 1 John 2:6:-
 - He came in the likeness of man. He chose to come to earth as a man.
 - He made Himself of no reputation even though He is God
 - He took the form of a Bond Servant. He came to lower Himself to serve God and man - Mathew 20:25-28, 1 Peter 5:5
 - Jesus obeyed and yielded Himself to God the Father. "Not My will, but Yours be done." Luke 22:42.
 - He humbled Himself to the point of death
 - He died the death of the cross Galatians 3:13.

Christ Glorified in the Tower of Babel

- The incident of the Tower of Babel shows how the Judgement of God brings glory to Christ Jesus:-
 - The praise to Jesus from different tribes, languages, and nations in Revelation 7:9-10 shows that this diversity was part of God's will
 - The authority of Jesus is magnified because He lay claim to everyone (the called) irrespective of tribe, nation, and language - Mathew 28:18-19.
 - The Gospel is glorified - Romans 1:16
 - Because pride will be destroyed - Revelations 18:5, 7, 10
 - Human arrogance will be destroyed and then the LORD alone will be exalted." - Isaiah 2:11;13:11

- Through Christ Jesus we unite as the Church, the bride of Christ-Romans 12:4-5

Examine your hearts and meditate

- Is your attitude similar to Jesus Christ's?
- Does your heart harbour pride? If yes, Repent
- Does your heart lack humility? If yes, Pray for it
- Consider and Meditate on these verses - Proverbs 8:13, 11:2, 15:33, 18:12, 21:4, 22:4, 27:1-2, Isaiah 23:9, 66:1-2, Psalms 22:26,25:9,34:2,37:11, 76:9,147:6, 149:4, Zephaniah 2:3, James 4:10

How can we escape the sin of pride?

Therefore,

- Clothe yourself in humility 1 Peter 5:5, Colossians 3:12-16
- Guard your hearts Mathew 15:11-20, Proverbs 4:23
- Do not conform to the pattern of this world Romans 12:2, 1 John 2:15
- Be contented and thankful Philippians 4:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- Glorify God in everything 1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:17

Where We are Going in 2022

- Unpacking this good news from God that began in eternity past, unfolded beginning with Creation, was worked out through all of history, climaxed with the incarnation, life, death on a cross, the resurrection of the Son of God, and takes us into eternity future to the new heavens and new earth.
- Next week Bob - The Call