

Humans Rise Up

Genesis 11.1-9



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- V 1 The whole earth had on language
- V 3 They came up with new technology
- Key Verse
 - The people said to each other, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth” (11:4).

They Had Two Concerns

- Concern 1
 - They want to make a name for themselves
 - Why is this an issue? (Genesis 1.26-27)
 - Our purpose is to bear the image of God...
 - They wanted to make a name for themselves
 - This is a problem with pride

The Had Two Concerns

The background of the slide features a detailed illustration of the Tower of Babel. The tower is a massive, multi-tiered structure with intricate architectural details, including arches and windows. It rises from a city with various buildings and structures. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of pink, orange, and blue, suggesting a dramatic or divine atmosphere. The overall scene is rendered in a style that combines realism with a touch of fantasy or biblical art.

- Concern 2
 - They do not want to be dispersed over the earth
 - Why is this an issue? (Genesis 1.28)
 - Humans are to spread out over the earth, acting as God's representatives in every place
 - In their pride they think they can live how they want to live and do what they want to do.

The Lord Speaks

- These people think they can do whatever they want and live how they want.
- The Lord speaks in v.6-7
- What is God's concern?
- That they will gather together and only do evil
- So what does God do?

Pride Loves Praise

- Pride wants the praise of people
- This is a warning flag for our hearts
- Social media plays a big role in it! Post for praise?
- Are we wanting us to be glorified or God? Matthew 5.16
- Attention goes to God. Honor goes to God. Glory goes to God. Humility wants God to be praised

Pride Loves Security

- We think we can make our lives secure
- The tower is for praise of people, city is so they are not disturbed
- I will get an education. I will get a job. I will make a lot of money. I will build a house. I will have a family. I will enjoy life. I will store up my wealth. I will retire. I will take my rest.

Pride Loves Security

The background of the slide features a detailed illustration of the Tower of Babel, a massive stone structure with multiple levels and arches, reaching towards a sky filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of pink, orange, and blue. The base of the tower is surrounded by a dense, colorful cityscape with various buildings and structures.

- Luke 12.16-21
- Pride thinks that we can insulate ourselves from trouble.
- God has shown us that all our experience, wisdom, wealth, education, and planning are nothing to him.
- Only God can make our lives safe and secure. We find our security only in the Lord, not in ourselves

God Knows

The background of the slide features a vibrant, stylized illustration of a city. A prominent, tall, multi-tiered tower with a green top section rises from the center. The city below is depicted with various buildings and structures in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds in soft, pastel colors like pink, purple, and blue, creating a dreamlike atmosphere.

- God knows our heart, we can't hide pride from him
- We think we build such great things and have such great accomplishments. But the Lord has to come down to see it.
- James 4.6- God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble

Conclusion

The background of the slide is a detailed illustration of the Tower of Babel. The tower is a massive, multi-tiered structure with intricate architectural details, including arches and columns. It rises from a city with various buildings and a river in the foreground. The sky is filled with large, colorful clouds in shades of pink, orange, and blue, suggesting a dramatic or divine atmosphere.

- We find grace when we lose our pride problem
- Pride stands against God because the world becomes about us rather than God
- Humility wants God to be praised