

Six Lessons from The Tower of Babel

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Most of us probably know the story of the Tower of Babel. It's the event that gave us all the diverse languages of the world. That account is not just for our entertainment or education, but there are many spiritual applications that can be pulled from the event. Here are just six from Genesis 11:1-9.

1. What we are building will only be successful if God designed the blueprints. What are we building? Where do we choose to place our time and effort? Making a name for ourselves? Making the most money? Getting the most pleasure out of life? If this is the life we're building, like the foolish man that's a life built on sand.
2. We are free to do as we want, but for every bad decision there are consequences.
3. There is a truth to what God said about our ability to accomplish much as a unified people. There's also a positive side to this not so positive account. When the church body is unified there is no limit to what we can accomplish. When there is dissension, we are weaker.
4. Ignorance does not mean a blissful existence. It was ignorant to think that a closer relationship with God involved building a stairway into the sky that in their minds would allow God to have the ability to descend to earth. The opposite is true. God built us a way to go to Him.
5. Be mindful of the presence you keep and the vision you share. It seemed that most if not all mankind at this time was unified under one vision. "To make a name for themselves," they worked together. They planned, schemed, spent resources and time to build something that would change the world forever—but it wasn't God's vision. The presence you keep and the shared vision matter. What are we building?
6. Accounts in the Bible that seem unrealistic or mythical should not weaken our faith but strengthen it when we do our due diligence in digging into His word. God is capable of great things, and that hasn't changed. We serve a powerful God who has big plans for the world. Are we willing to side with Him?

- Mt. Carmel Church of Christ, Athens, AL -

The Christian's walk and talk must go together.

News Notes

COVERED DISH DINNER: TODAY, about Noon at the Fellowship Building followed by our afternoon worship at 2:00 p.m. at the Church Building.

BIBLE MEDITATIONS: Monday-Friday 12:30-12:35 p.m. on WOHI 1490 AM and 103.9 FM.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Postponed until Thursday, Feb. 12th (instead of Feb. 5th).

LADIES DAY: Feb. 28th at the Marlboro Church of Christ, Louisville, OH. Topic: "Digging Deep-Conversations" by Cindy Colley. **RSVP by Jan. 29th.** Additional details on the back of our February calendar and on the bulletin board.

PANTRY: Bath soap.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: **SICK & SHUT-IN:** *Gable's Care Center, Hopedale, OH:* Ron Miller (Bill's brother). *City Hospital:* Beulah Walker. *Pittsburgh Children's Home & Lemieux Center:* Isaiah Robinson (Rich & Emily's baby). *Covington Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation:* Nancy Hadley, 100 Covington Dr., Room 304, East Palestine, OH 44413. *At Home:* David Malcomson, Donna Stevens, the McKittricks, Tracy Clutter, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Scharlotte Jones, Harry Huff, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, Marlene Evans, Micheal Sabol (Karen Strum's daughter-in-law's father). *Serra Manor, Weirton:* Jean Haught (Skip's mother). *Fox, Chester:* Mary Johnson. *Elsewhere:* Herman McHan, 29 Jenny Lane, Columbiana, OH 44408.

ALSO REMEMBER THESE WITH HEALH ISSUES: Christy Claypool, 204 Rio Pinar Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Jackie Brown (Rico's mother), 4227 Prince Hall Blvd., Orlando, FL 32811.

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It is easier to COMPROMISE the truth than to STAND for it

It is easier to IGNORE sin than EXPOSE it.

It is easier to JUSTIFY the sinner than to DEMAND his repentance.

It is easier to CRITICIZE the preaching of the truth than to ENDORSE it.

It is easier to be SILENT than to CONTEND for the faith.

It is easier to REFUSE an admonition than to RECEIVE it.

It is easier to be WORLDLY than to be GODLY.

It is easier to COMMIT SIN than to AVOID it.

It is easier to NEGLECT than to TAKE HEED.

It is easier to MAKE EXCUSES than to BE FAITHFUL

Why is this true? Simply because it is easier to travel the BROAD WAY than to travel the NARROW WAY (Mat. 7:13-14)!

- via Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -