

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did the people have that helped them build the Tower of Babel?
2. What reasons did the people have in building the tower?
3. What is lacking, so often, in man's plans?
4. Can a Christian be ambitious?

### SUMMARY:

After the death of Noah the earth was of one language, which brought the people to a great understanding and unity towards each other. Their cooperation was so complete, that they began building a city and a great tower that was to reach to heaven and give them a great name. They soon forgot to glorify the name of the Living God in Heaven. God found it necessary to confound their languages so they would not have the understanding with one another to do the evil. Man must always remember that there shall be an end of all things which can be either painful through his own imaginations, or victorious through the precious blood of Christ and a life of faith in Him.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

February 11, 2007

First Quarter

### THE TOWER OF BABEL

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 1:18-23; John 3:15-21*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Shinar Desert by the Euphrates River northwest of the Persian Gulf.

**TIME:** Approximately 2000 BC

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- I. POWERFUL RESOURCES.** Genesis 11:1-2
  - A. Unity (vs. 1) Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 10:17; 12:12; Ephesians 4:13
  - B. Cooperation (vs. 2) Exodus 17:12; Matthew 18:19; Mark 2:3
- II. PRESUMPTUOUS RESOLUTIONS.** Genesis 11:3-4
  - A. Man's Plans (vs. 3) Luke 12:18-19; James 4:13-15
  - B. Ambition (vs. 4) Psalm 49:11; Luke 22:24; John 5:44
- III. PROVIDENTIAL RESTRAINT.** Genesis 11:5-9
  - A. Divine Perception (vs. 5,6) Jeremiah 32:19; Zechariah 4:10b
  - B. Divine Power (vs. 6-9) 1 Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 62:11; Matthew 19:26
- IV. PAINFUL RESULTS.** Romans 1:18-23
  - A. God's Wrath (vs. 18) 2 Kings 22:13; Ephesians 5:6
  - B. Judgment According to Works (vs. 18-19) Matthew 16:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12
  - C. Evil Imaginations (vs. 21-23) Genesis 6:5; 11:6
  - D. Sin Universal. Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8
- V. A MEANS OF ESCAPE.** John 3: 15-21
  - A. Through His Son. John 10:9; Acts 4:12
  - B. Faith Needful. Romans 5:1; Hebrews 11:6
  - C. Faithful Walk Required. Romans 8:1; Hebrews 5:19

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT: . . .* Psalm 127:1

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Job 1:1 through 2:13; 42:1-17; James 5:11

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Job 19:23-29; James 5:7-10

**QUARTERLY THEME:** The Beginnings

**TOPIC:** JOB, GOD'S PATIENT SERVANT

**INTRODUCTION:**

Satan was given permission to attack Job but God told him to spare Job's life. To us Job's sufferings seem unbearable and yet we read, "*In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.*" (Job 1:22) May we conclude from this that it was God who gave Job the strength not to sin, because of Job's perfectness and uprightness? (vs. 1)

God has promised to be with us in our trials. It brings to mind the words of Christ to Peter when He said in Luke 22:31, 32 "*Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat*". Then He went on with those very precious words, "*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not . . .*" What a great comfort in these wonderful words of our Savior. In like manner, He is still praying for us at the right hand of God.

Surely with this truth buried within our hearts, we are encouraged to go on in the midst of trials and affliction, but we must also remember that Satan is ever asking for permission to attack us and is constantly before God accusing us as told in Revelation 12:10. It therefore behooves us to always watch and pray.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Success comes only when we labor within the realm of God's will.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *NOW THANKS BE UNTO GOD, WHICH ALWAYS CAUSETH US TO TRIUMPH IN CHRIST, AND MAKETH MANIFEST THE SAVOUR OF HIS KNOWLEDGE BY US IN EVERY PLACE.*

2 Corinthians 2:14

The victory which God promises to give His servants is not always of a material or temporal nature. Jesus said "*Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*" (Luke 12:32) But He also said, "*My kingdom is not of this world.*" (John 18:36) Satan had won the victory when he tempted man in the garden, and flesh was cursed from that time on. So our triumph in Christ must be of a spiritual nature. The Holy Spirit must rule in our mortal bodies; then if misfortune or illness strikes us we can yet be victors in Christ.

Job's greatest battle was not to have his property and children restored to him and to regain his health, but to keep the faith which he had in God. His greatest victory was not when he regained his wealth, but when he could say, "*For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.*" (Job 19:25-26)

Amid all trials of this present life, may we trust in God, who "*always causes us to triumph in Christ,*" (2 Corinthians 2:14) because it is "*not His will that any should perish, but that all should have eternal life.*"

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 12 - 18**

M. \*Job, God's Patient Servant. Job 1:1-11; James 5:11

T. \*Job's Possessions Destroyed. Job 1:13-22

W. \*Job's Person Afflicted. Job 2:1-13

T. Job's Friend Speaks. Job 11:1-15

F. Job's Answer Given. Job 13:1-15

S. Job's Prayer for His Friends. Job 42:1-9

S. Job's Prosperity Restored. Job 42:10-17