**OUR HUMAN STRUGGLE**

**(Genesis 11:1-26)**

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**I. OUR STRUGGLE WITH SIGNIFICANCE (Genesis 11:1-4)**

1. **The Creator's Original Design (Genesis 1:28)**

1. **Mankind's Decision (Genesis 11:1-2)**

 **1. To Disobey God's Instruction (Genesis 1:28)**

 **2. To Rule Over Each Other (Genesis 10:8-12)**

 **C. Mankind's Plan (Genesis 11:3-4; Psalms 2:1-4)**

 **1. To Build A Monument To Themselves (Genesis 11:4a)**

 **2. To Reach God On Their Own (Genesis 11:4b)**

 **3. To Rule Themselves (Genesis 11:4c)**

**-Pride:** overwhelming self-confidence resulting in an unwillingness to submit to God

 and an insensitive disregard for others

**-Arrogance:** an undue degree of self-importance; and exorbitant claim to dignity; a

 lordly contempt of others

**II. OUR STRUGGLE WITH GOD (Genesis 11:5-7)**

1. **The Sovereign Creator Responds (Genesis 11:5)**

 **B. The Caring Creator Intercedes (Genesis 11:6-7; Psalms 2:1-5)**

 **1. He Keeps His Promises (Genesis 9:11)**

 **2. He Confused Their Efforts (Genesis 11:6-7)**

 **3. He Provides Lasting Peace (Genesis 11:10-26; Ephesians 2:14-18)**

**III. OUR STRUGGLE WITH CONSEQUENCES (Genesis 11:8-9)**

1. **God's Plan For Mankind Is Fulfilled (Genesis 11:8-9; 1:28)**

 **1. This Was To Be A Blessing**

 **2. This Was Also A Frustration**

 **B. The City Of Babylon**

 **1. The Hebrew Word Means: "Confused"**

 **2. The Babylonian Word Means: "The Gate Of The Gods"**

1. **The Biblical Significance Of Babylon**

 **1. Symbolizes Moral Corruption (Isaiah 47:8-11)**

 **2. Symbolizes Defiance Against God (Jeremiah 50-51)**

 **3. Symbolizes Worldly Pride (Revelation 17-18)**

**"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life.**

**No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).**

**APPLICATIONS**

 **1. Without God's intervention sin will continue to reign in the hearts of mankind.**

**2. Pride and arrogance never glorify God only the individual. These sins also blind the individual to their own problem.**

**3. God's children find true value and lasting significance in the one who created and redeemed us.**