



SERMON CHEAT SHEET

THE TOWER HAD TO FALL | GENESIS 10-11

Main Theme: God tears down the monuments of our fear to gracefully provide true eternal security in Christ.

The Monument of Fear

God commanded humanity to spread out and fill the earth. The people settled in a valley to construct a massive tower out of a deep fear of being dispersed and forgotten. Every human heart desires to manufacture its own safety and reputation when it lacks trust in the Creator. We often build our own modern towers through carefully managed careers and tight social circles to protect ourselves from vulnerability.

A Fatherly Restraint

God had to descend just to look at the architectural achievement humanity thought would reach the heavens. He saw a unified people accelerating rapidly toward deep depravity and ultimate destruction. The confusion of their language and their resulting dispersal served as an act of loving fatherly restraint. God intervenes to stop us from finishing projects guaranteed to ruin us. He graciously forces our towers to fall because He has prepared a much better destination for our lives.

The True City and Name

The builders desperately stacked bricks to secure a legacy for themselves. God walked right past their human efforts to freely hand a great name to a man named Abram. Centuries later, Jesus Christ willingly came down in the flesh to absorb our ultimate shame on the cross. He suffered and died to gather every scattered nation into the permanent security of the new Jerusalem. We now carry the Holy Spirit and possess a glorious message to share with the whole world.

LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Identify the areas in your life where you rely on your own efforts for safety and choose to fully trust God.
- Look closely at your current goals to see if they are driven by a fear of losing control.
- Share the gospel with a coworker or neighbor you have previously avoided out of fear.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Ask God to reveal any self-made towers of security currently operating in your heart.
- Pray for the courage to completely release your need to manage your own reputation.
- Express deep gratitude to Jesus for bearing your shame to give you a secure and eternal name.
- Seek boldness from the Holy Spirit to tell the story of Christ to people around you.