

## Sin Came off the Ark Too

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Genesis 11: 1-9

### **The Item all of us bring with us everywhere we go, in every area of our lives: SIN.**

Rom. 5:12, the proof we are sinners is because we die. Gen. 6:5: every thought of those on earth was on evil continually. The flood preserved God's plan for the redemption of man through Christ. The Noahic Covenant is a stabilizing covenant.

### **How Sin Gets Packed into our Lives?**

V1 - 3, the people are moving from the east or eastward into Shinar (Southern Iraq). There is nothing seemingly wrong in their actions and speech. From V2, "Come let us," sounds like Gen. 1:26. In Gen. 10:8-10, Nimrod is introduced to us, a mighty hunter before the Lord. "Before the Lord" could mean "against" or "opposed." Nimrod is invisible in V3, but working behind the scenes.

**(1) Sin's Subtle Beginnings.** The sin of Babel is hidden and ambiguous at first.

- a. Our sin will look invisible at first. Sin and evil are active underneath, Jam. 1:14.
- b. We must walk by the Spirit and kill the desires of the flesh, Gal. 5:16.
- c. Those who walk in the flesh can't please God, Rom. 8:6-8.
- d. Believers have power over sin, Rom. 8:2.
- e. Sin creeps in from false teaching and the world, Eph. 6:11, 1 Pet. 5:8, 1 Tim. 4:1.

V4, Sin creeps in and then it leaps.

**(2) We See Sin's Serious Aims.** "Come let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens." The purposes of this building, 1) Make themselves a name; 2) To keep from being scattered. They disobeyed God's command to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth, Gen. 9:7. They didn't think that God would bless them in the command He gave to fill the earth.

**(3) Sin's Sobering Danger.** V5, God sees all that is going on. The more we advance in technology, the more we advance in evil also.

**(4) Sin's Sovereign Judgement.** V6-8, The Lord confused their language and dispersed them over all the earth and they ceased building.

### **Applications**

- 1) No sin against God can stand. He knows and sees everything clearly, Ps. 94:8-11.
- 2) It is very easy for God to disrupt sinful plans. God stops man's plans to sin and tears them down.
- 3) In limiting, dividing, and separating us from sin, God is preserving a chance to redeem man. This shows God's mercy is on display. Judgement from God is shown when He doesn't stop the sin, Rom. 1:24, 26, 28. Mercy from God stops our sinning.
- 4) For the Christian believer, the power against sin is a confirmation of salvation. Heb. 12:8-11, discipline is evidence of God's love. 1 Jn. 1:8-9; 2:1; if we sin, we confess our sin and we have an advocate with the Father through Christ Jesus.

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Things that we should do with this sin that we take with us everywhere we go:

- a) Don't ignore sin: Confront it.
- b) Don't be defeated by sin: Eph. 1:3, we have every blessing in the heavenly places.
- c) Take humility with you: 1 Pet. 5:5, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- d) Have Godly Zeal and Indignation: 2 Cor. 7:4, have true godly grief of our sin.
- e) Take prayer with you: Matt. 26:41, be watchful in prayer to overcome temptation.
- f) Take dependence: Rom. 8:13, put to death the deeds of the body and live

### Further Discussion and Application

Death will be the final enemy destroyed by God. Sin causes death. What can we do to help us crucify the flesh with its passions and desires? How does Gal. 5:16-26 help us compare the old man with the new man in Christ?

What sins in our life do we see creeping up on us? How can we combat that sin? What truth and study of the Scriptures can we add to our lives to help us combat the sin that would trip us up?

Romans 12:1-2, gives us Paul's fervent desire to transform our minds? How do we learn to hate the sin we commit so that we put into practice works for the Lord and righteousness that keep us from stumbling?

God's discipline in our life is a mercy to us and shows that we are His children. Think of the last few times your sin became evident to your family and friends? How did you react? Did you ask for forgiveness and acknowledge your sin? What did you do to help conquer that sin and reduce its effect on you and others?

Write out a prayer now, while you aren't being tempted and drawn away by your own lust to sin. In this prayer, describe what the word of God can do to help you? Exalt the Lord God to give you strength to overcome because of His power, mercy, and grace in Christ? Include God's glory as the focus and hope of conquering this sin. Ask God to help you connect with others to find strength during times of temptation.