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I Spy Salvation's Story

Law/Gospel

Our resistance or failure to listen to God's Word leads Him to disrupt our self-glorifying plans. **Such disruptions are calls to repentance, which our heavenly Father follows up with His grace, forgiveness, and eternal life.**

Bible Words

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2

Fun Fact

People still build tall towers. The tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, India, which is 2,717 feet tall!

The Big Picture

All the people on Earth at this time were direct descendants of Noah, who built the ark and survived the flood, which is why they all spoke the same language. After their languages were confused and they spread across the earth, they split into many nations. Two of these nations played a big role in the rest of the Old Testament. The Canaanites became one of Israel's biggest enemies, and Jesus descended from the Shemites.

The Case of the Broken Debris: Tower of Babel

Genesis 9:18–19; 11:1–9

Pride. It's a word we know well. We struggle with the temptation to take credit for our own accomplishments when they are really gifts from God. We become focused on our own concerns and forget the One who lovingly created us in His image.

After the worldwide flood that killed all but one family, Noah's descendants were strong and united. All shared one language and one goal: to build a tower that would reach the heavens. Unfortunately, the people also had another thing in common, a sinful nature. Their desire was not to get closer to God but to glorify themselves.

God commanded the people to be fruitful and multiply and to spread themselves across the earth. The people did not listen and chose to stay together. God realized that if people continued to share one language and a sinful, selfish mind-set, their rebellion against God and His commands would never end.

So, God used His divine power to confuse the people's languages so they would not understand one another's speech. They could no longer communicate and continue their sinful plans. Although separated from one another, their offspring spread across the earth and benefited from the whole of God's creation.

Blessings after Babel

The tower of Babel shows us that when we give in to the selfish desires of our sinful nature, we are driven apart from God and from one another. But God sends His Holy Spirit to bring us back to faith in Him when we stray, just as He used Babel to establish many nations of people who would be blessed by the saving work of Christ Jesus.

Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for loving us even when we stray. Please lead us to follow Your commands joyfully and to remember that all good gifts come from You. In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

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