

Babel

Message Study Notes for 16 May 2021

Read Genesis 11 verses 1 to 9.

What, if anything, is wrong with trying to make a name for yourself?

God is concerned about what drives our endeavours, what controls our loyalties, the conditions of our heart.

God's challenge is for us to take on his agenda of blessing and fruitfulness, reflecting God's glory.

God's blessing is to scatter, to go into all the earth and embrace creation. Yet these people say, 'No, we want to stay here.' **What was their main reason to not wanting to be scattered?**

They are replacing God's agenda for creation with their own agenda. **In what way?**

Are there ways in which we do the same?

By confusing their languages, God forces them to do the thing they were afraid of.

In Genesis 12, Abram is willing to take on God's agenda; be a channel for God's love and grace that echoed through history. **How?**

How do our fears drive our ambitions in

Loneliness.

Friendship.

Poverty.

Read 1st Thessalonians 4. Is this an easy ambition? If not, why not?

Ambition is often driven by being dissatisfied with what we have.

If that is wrong, how do we prevent that happening?

'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.'

What actions can you do, motivated by love and relationship, to see the scale tip from my agenda towards others?