

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

And the Lord Came  
Down

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### Scriptures:

Genesis 11:1-9

**Theme:** Do not fear Babylon because the Lord has come down with sovereign grace.

**Introduction:** The Tower of Babel was the most impressive human structure of its days, standing 300'x300'x300', with a temple at the top. However, it was not a symbol of hope or righteous achievement, but of human arrogance and insurrection against the Lord. There is a temptation for us to fear in the face of similar human symbols of strength and might; but Babel also shows us how the Lord will always act to accomplish his will.

We find 2 aspects to this story:

### 1. Babel = arrogance (1-4)

Gen 11 is a flashback, explaining the diversity of lands, language, clans, and nations that were described in Gen 10. Gen 10:25 and 11:1 show us that this division likely occurred in the days of Peleg.

The main note of these verses is the arrogance of humanity. They reject the call of God to "fill the earth" and instead choose to gather into a great city.

Their reason for doing so is wicked: they wanted to make a name for themselves.

They knew that by working together they would best be able to become powerful and they could ascend to the gods.

There is also a subtle satire in the materials used. The Babylonians sought to build a mighty edifice using mud to make bricks that would not last.

### 2. The Lord Comes Down (5-9)

Babel also demonstrates the sovereignty of God. Even the height of human arrogance can in no way thwart his plan. He makes mankind disperse and fill the earth.

Another example of satire is seen: though the Babylonians believe they have built something great, the Lord has to "come down" just to see it.

The fruit of human pride is not fulfillment, but self-destruction. We see that today in the sterile sexuality that cannot reproduce (homosexuality, transgender).

Still the Lord is gracious. Rather than destroying the earth, he disperses them and given them an opportunity to repent and obey him.

### Questions:

1. Is there a clear lack of obedience in our life against God?
2. What makes you anxious? What fear occupy your heart and thoughts?
3. How have you experienced God's grace despite your sin? How do you need to experience it?