

Sermon Title: Don't Be A Nimrod

The Purpose of the Genealogy

- Sets it apart from myths and fables
- Shows that God reigns over the boundaries of the nations (5, 20, 32)
- Shows how the sins of nations started with individuals
- Points to how individuals can be saved from the sins of their nations (see: Rahab in Joshua 2)

3 Important Truths to Face:

**1.** Since the fall, our default mode is disobedience and self-glorification

Genesis 11:4, “Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”

Romans 8:7, “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.”

**2.** God is not intimidated or frustrated by our human rebellion.

Verse 5, “And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built.”

**Genesis 1:28**, “<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...”

**Genesis 9:1**, “And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.”

**Genesis 11:4**, "...let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."

**Genesis 11:7-9**, “Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”

**3.** Without God, man is his own worst enemy

Genesis 10:9, "He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Cite: Isaiah 47:8-13

Cite: Daniel 4:28-32

Cite: Matthew 19:30

### **3 Lessons:**

1. Unity isn't automatically a good thing

Cite: Ephesians 4:1-6

Cite: Revelation 7:9-10

Notice the story God is telling in His world:

- Mankind in the Beginning:
  - One language
  - United in service to God
- Mankind after the Fall:
  - One language
  - United in rebellion against God (Gen. 11:1-9)
- The Call of Abraham: (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8)
  - Abraham's Blessing leads to salvation by faith in Christ (Gal. 3:8)
  - People of many tongues being brought into God's service
- The New Heaven & New Earth
  - Many languages, with one voice, united in praise and service to God (Revelation 7:9-12)

Quote: "It is not the experience of Christian brotherhood, but solid and certain faith in brotherhood that holds us together...We are bound together by faith, not by experience."  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together, p. 39

2. We should be humbled by every display of God's power

Cite: Acts 17:24-31

3. Your Sin (or Your Repentance) Can Have National Consequences

"Great nations cannot defy God long and survive." -Allen Ross, "Creation and Blessing"