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ADULT LESSON 2

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The focus of this lesson is on sin and its cure. We will observe the path of a son who had equal opportunity to obey God's command, yet chose to withdraw himself from the protection of God-given limitations. In this lesson, we will follow the awful progression of a people who chose to defy God and thus build a city based on pride and wicked imaginations. Ultimately, we will discover the selection of God's chosen people, Israel, in establishing a People for His Name.

Lesson Two—The Sin of the Nations (Genesis 11)

I. The _____ of Sin (Sin of Ham, Genesis 9:22)
- A. Ham's _____ of God's Word
  1. Ham did not take God's Word seriously.
  2. His neglect affected himself.
  3. Ham's neglect affected others. Our sin rarely affects us alone.
     - a. Exodus 34:6-7
     - b. Uzziah, Jotham, and Ahaz (II Chronicles 26:5; 27:2; 28:2-3)
- B. The _____ of God's Word
  1. Nimrod's name meant "We will revolt."
  2. When God said, "Spread Out!", Man said, "Build up!"
- C. The _____ of God's Word

II. The _____ of Sin (Genesis 11:1-4)

The plight of mankind can be summed up into one of two choices – to worship God, the Creator, by faith, or to worship man, the creation, by imagination. Nimrod's rebellion was based on pride, idolatry, and a wicked imagination.

- A. A Proud Look
  1. Pride distorts our _____ .
  2. Pride distorts our _____ .
  3. Pride distorts our _____ .
- B. A Wicked Imagination

  We find the word "imagination" fourteen times in Scripture and only one use is in a positive light. The other uses are negative and refer to idolatry, pride, and wickedness. The root of the word "imagination" is the word "image." The Law given to Moses was explicit in its command to abstain from images.

  Nimrod and his followers imagined a place where there was no god and all worship was directed toward them. They chose not to place their faith in "thus saith the Lord" and fully have confidence in their thoughts. The rejection of God's Word resulted in the reliance on man's imagination. Every false religion known to man finds its origins in a Godless imagination.

III. The _____ of Sin (Romans 1:21-32)

Romans 1:21-32 summarizes the type of behavior we find in Genesis 11—the progression, the posture, and the plight of sin:

- They did not worship God.
- They were unthankful.
- They professed to be wise (scholarship, humanism, credit given to Science based on man's assumptions).
- They changed the glory of the incorruptible God.
- They changed the truth of God into a lie.
- They worshiped the creature instead of the Creator.

The harvest of this Godless mentality is found in verses 26-32.

IV. The _____ of God (Genesis 11:5-9)

Divine Providence is God's _____ in the lives of people. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit saw what man was about to do, so they came down, way down to where man was in order to get involved.

Here, we find mankind, on the road of no return, poised to plunge off the high cliff of humanism and self-serving pursuits, when just in time, God intervenes by confounding the languages. When God confounded the languages, it was not a reaction of sabotage, but rather a _____ . God's intervention took place because man's imagination was ready to take him beyond the point of reconciliation. They would have soon become a civilization with an unrestrained imagination, but, praise the LORD, *"where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."*

Without the Word of God to guide us into Truth, all our attempts are but frail and futile efforts. The neglect of God's Word leads to a destructive end. The hope of all nations lies in what those who have the Truth choose to do with it. We must ask ourselves, ***"If we, God's people, knowingly possess the Truth of God's Word, then what are we actively pursuing in order for each nation to have that same Truth in their heart language?"***