

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Text: Genesis 11:1-9

Title: The Road Best Taken

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Proposition: The Tower of Babel account provides two competing intentions of the chief end of man, so that we might direct our steps in accordance with God's will.

Outline:

1. The Intentions of Man

(cf. Gen. 6:1-8; Ps. 51:5; 1 Cor. 2:14)

2. The Intentions of God

(cf. Gen. 12:1-3; Est. 4:14; Ps. 33:11; Rom. 8; 1 Cor. 2:12-13, 16; Eph. 5:8; )

Study Questions:

1. Consider the times in your life when you've felt most interrupted. What did they change for you? Do you think it has resulted in more faithfulness to God, or less?
2. What stories and narratives in the bible most move you to consider the gravity of sin and death? (Examples: Ex. 5:1-21; 32:1-35; Num. 16:1-40; Judg. 29:1-30)
3. If we were unaware of the context of Gen. 11:1-9, what would we make of verses 1-3? What do these verses tell us about unity? What does it say about mankind's capabilities for good or for sin? (see Gen. 11:6)
4. How do you consider whether your plans are good or bad? (Ex. Is it only when those plans have consequences? Is it when you can confidently say, 'the ends justify the means'? Is it when you don't feel that your conscience is being provoked?)
5. Consider the ways you have constructed your life and lifestyle. Why have you "built" the things you have built?
6. What are the best bible verses to remind you of the *need* for the intervention of God?
7. What are the best bible verses to remind you of the *blessings* of the intervention of God? (Ex. Imagine speaking to an unbeliever: how may you encourage them of how amazing it is to have God interceded in your life?)

8. What truths can you consider when you are faced with the opportunity to sin? (both those mentioned and those not mentioned in the sermon?)