

LESSON 5 - THE HIGHWAY DIVIDES AT CONFUSION CORNERS.

Genesis II

THEME: *To show the place for confession of sin and restoration of fellowship.*

Which do you like better: night or day? Why do most of us like daytime the best? We like to see where we are going, what we are doing, what others are doing. You who like night better, would you still like it better if there were no moon or stars? No, there would be no beauty to the night were it not for the lights in the heavens, and there would be no beauty to the day without the sun.

The Bible says that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5. Light always speaks to us of God and righteousness, while darkness speaks of Satan and evil. God wants His children to walk in His light.

Now we will study whether God's children walked in light or darkness after the great flood. The flood had destroyed all the sinful people so God gave Noah some new travel laws and started him out again. Genesis 9:1-19. Noah was told to replenish /fill the earth, to be fruitful and multiply. Genesis 9:1,7. He had meat added to his diet, whereas before it had been only fruit and vegetables. Genesis 9:3. The punishment for murder was to be death. Genesis 9:6.

Then God made a covenant /agreement with Noah that He would never again send a flood to destroy all life from the earth, and He gave the rainbow as the sign of His promise.

Noah and his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth, were allowed to go ahead on *THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE*. The people multiplied very rapidly. Everyone spoke one language. Genesis 11:1.

After about 1000 years, there were many people on the earth. We have learned from the past that when there are many people, there is usually much wickedness also. So it was in that time. They began to disobey all the rules God had given to them. As they journeyed from the east, they came to a plain in the land of Shinar. They said, "Let us make bricks and burn them. Let us build a city and a tower." Genesis 11:4. We know this was a tower for idol worship because they placed the signs of the stars (zodiac) on the top of the tower. They worshiped the things created instead of the Creator. Romans 1:19-25.

When the Lord came down to see the tower and the city, He was greatly displeased. Genesis 11:5-9. He scattered the people over the earth and mixed up their languages. The place was called Babel which means *confusion*. On our chart we call this intersection CONFUSION CORNERS.

What would God do now? Mankind had been given every opportunity but had failed in each one, so God gave them up to their sin and wickedness. Romans 1:24-28. The people, called nations or *Gentiles*, all went off in the direction of GENTILE BYWAY on the chart. The whole human race had chosen the way which was right in their own eyes, but which proved to be the way of death.

Why was this the way of death? Because man had disobeyed God's way of faith. When they said, "Let us make bricks and build a tower," they undertook to do a work for their own glory and not the glory of God. Many people today are building towers with the stones of *good works* and depending on those works to take them to Heaven. God is only pleased with works of faith.

When they said, "Let us make us a name," they showed that they did not want honour brought to the name of God. When men worship themselves it brings confusion and breaks the unity of the Holy Spirit. When they said, "...lest we be scattered," they rebelled against the command of God. Disobedience brings confusion and judgment to mankind.

In our next journey we will take the turn to the left at CONFUSION CORNERS and see how God called out one man to make a fresh start on PROMISE ROAD.

Have you been walking in the light? If you have never received Jesus Christ as Saviour, accept Him today. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. If you are a believer already, but you have fallen back, tell it to the Lord in prayer. He will forgive you and restore you to fellowship with Him.

MEMORY VERSE: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

LESSON 5 - WORK SHEET

1. Write down 3 of the new travel laws God gave to Noah. Genesis 9:1-7
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
2. Soon the earth was filled with people again. How many languages did they speak? Genesis 11:1 _____
3. What did the people do when they came to the plain in the land of Shinar? Genesis 11:2-4 _____

4. What did God do when He came down to see the city and the tower? Genesis 11:5-8 _____

5. Why was God displeased when the people said, "Let us build us a city and a tower? Genesis 11:4 _____

6. They also said, "Let us make us _____" Genesis 11:4.
7. The name of the tower is called _____ which means confusion. Genesis 11:9.
8. The people were not walking in God's light and therefore could not have _____ with God or with one another. 1 John 1:7.
9. Read Romans 1:24 and write down what God did to the Gentiles after this great rebellion. _____
10. Write by memory 1 John 1:7. _____

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