

Day 2

Scriptural Background: Gen 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." 5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. "Gen 11:4–5

Mankind is always building things. It is, indeed, what we were made to do (Gen 1:26–28 with Pro 3:19–20 and Pro 24:3–4). However, in our sin this innate capacity to construct is twisted to be the means by which we think we can reach God. Yet, in Genesis 11 we see that the best of man's efforts to reach God is so puny that God has to "come down" to see it! Far from our reaching up to God, the reconciliation with Him for which we innately long will have to be brought about by His coming down to reach us (Gal 4:3–5).

## **Prayer:**

Almighty God, give us the humility appropriate to our low estate before You. Help us remember that all our best deeds are at best dust before You. Yet, in Your grace let us also remember that in Christ You did "come down" for us. Let that be what lifts us up to the skies. In His Name we pray. Amen.