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## Lesson 05— The Tower of Babel

### I. The Story

#### A. Background

1. Noah's 3 sons were commanded to POPULATE the earth (**Gen. 9:7; 10:1-32**)
2. Everyone spoke the SAME language (**Genesis 11:1**)
3. Many of Noah's descendants settled in what is now IRAQ (**Genesis 11:2**)  
-show "Table of Nations"

#### B. The Tower is Built (around 100 years after the Flood)

1. They wanted to build a tower... (**Genesis 11:4**)
  - a. to make THEMSELVES great
  - b. to not SPREAD over the earth like they were commanded
2. God saw that the people began to think they didn't NEED God (**Gen. 11:6**)

#### C. God's Judgment

1. God confused their LANGUAGES (**Genesis 11:7**)
2. God SPREAD them over the earth (**Genesis 11:8**)
3. This began the beginning of NATIONS & "RACES" (**Genesis 11:9**)

### II. The Application

- A. In what ways do we try to build our own "towers"?
  - doing anything to glorify our own desires and not God's
  - seeking the approval of others over the approval of God's
- B. What was the result of the people not following God's commands to spread over the earth?
  - \*Wouldn't it be easier to follow God in the first place?
  - compare to following parent's instructions the first time
- C. God saw that the people began to think of themselves as greater than God. Read the end of **Genesis 11:6**. When we get to these situations, God must humble us to see that we are nothing without Him. It is sad that we so often take the things that God gives us and we never give Him the credit. Name some areas that God has blessed you that you can fully give HIM the glory for.