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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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Unique in Our Own Way

GENESIS 11:1-9 NKJV – (1) Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. (2) And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. (3) Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. (4) And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." (5) But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. (6) And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. (7) Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. (9) Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Up until this point in the Bible, the whole world had one language - one common speech for all people. The people of the earth became skilled in construction and decided to build a city with a tower that would reach to heaven. By building the tower they wanted to **make a name for themselves** and also prevent their city from being scattered. God came to see their city and the tower they were building. He perceived their intentions, and in His infinite wisdom, He knew this "stairway to heaven" would only lead the people away from God. He noted the powerful force within their unity of purpose. As a result, God confused their language, causing them to speak different languages so they would not understand each other. By doing this, God thwarted their plans. He also scattered the people of the city all over the face of the earth.

God likes variety. That's why He created each person as a unique individual. Yes, these people were working together to complete one task, but it was for their own glory, not God's. The goal is not to just be busy, but to live out the **Lords purpose** for your life. He's willing to guide you into His plans if you'll seek to know and obey Him.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 16:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What on earth are you doing for Heaven's sake?