

# LET US MAKE US A NAME

## GEN 11:1-9

Text: Gen 11:4

### **Genesis 11:4 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup> And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

### Introduction:

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world," he announced.

Then, he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed.

"Strike One!" he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, "I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down he swung again and missed. "Strike Two!" he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spit on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more,

"I'm the greatest hitter in the world!"

Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. "Strike Three!"

"Wow!" he exclaimed. "I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

Pride has always been a thing that we must deal with.

The Bible has much to say about pride.

Pride:

- Distracts – Psalms 10:4

**Psalms 10:4 (KJV)**

<sup>4</sup>The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: *God is not in all his thoughts.*

- Divides – Proverbs 13:10

**Proverbs 13:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup>Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is wisdom.*

- Dejects – Proverbs 29:23

**Proverbs 29:23 (KJV)**

<sup>23</sup>A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

- Deceives – Obadiah 1:3

### **Obadiah 1:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup>The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation *is* high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

- Destroys – Proverbs 16:18

### **Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup>Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Pride and a proud look is one thing that God hates.

### **Proverbs 6:16-19 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup>These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: <sup>17</sup>A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup>An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, <sup>19</sup>A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

We see in our text how pride affects us.

## **1. PRIDE AFFECTS OUR WORK – BUILD US A CITY**

- A. Motive must be right
- B. Methods must be right
- C. Means must be right

The motive never dictates the methods or our means.

## **2. PRIDE AFFECTS OUR WORSHIP – MAKE US A NAME**

### **A. Worship God**

#### **Luke 4:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

#### **John 3:30 (KJV)**

<sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

## **3. PRIDE AFFECTS OUR WISHES – LEST WE BE SCATTERED**

The very thing they sought to avoid was exactly what happened.