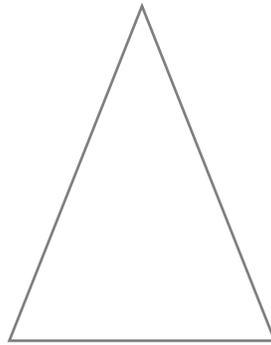

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The Tower of Babel

Genesis 11:1-9 {ESV}

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 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.” And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech.” So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Key Note

What is important to note within this text is a dimension that reflects the mind of man even in this age. Why? Its because man in his natural state rely on his own abilities to reach out to God. There are key elements that project the current state of church building which resemble the attitude that of the people of babel which rely on own abilities, and not the will of God, which is to rise up spiritual son's, bringing them to maturity in the perfect will of God which is the image and likeness of Christ Jesus.

The church in a sense is blind to opening of eyes to scripture and the demands placed on church leaders to culture and orientate sonship as a building mechanism is far from the their hearts, because buildings, cash and numbers are its reference to success and the success of maturity. Its actually new age thinking and philosophy claiming to be exact scripture interpretations edging its way through popular culture in the church and institutionalizing a body of believers who may not be mature enough to recognize these trends. It has a form of godliness but void of its power. I do believe that God has sent a strong delusion because people refuse absolute truth and have replaced it with such convincing inaccuracies, false signs, and wonders hence believing in part as the whole truth.

People migrate from there homes making weekly pilgrimage to a common place, a place of worship, and are given ways on how to make brick and mortar, how to be successful using principles from the scripture void of relationship. Once they receive this they said to themselves now I can make a name

for myself a spirit of self- elevation. Once they have settled this in their heart it becomes difficult to convince them otherwise. Pride comes before the fall, God will not delay in His judgment, every man will be tested in his heart, and some will receive the grace and truth of the word and others not because of self-image. The bible illustrates that everything built will be tested, and those who build incorrectly labor in vain. Building correctly is to build each other in the word of God, so here is a question, why is so much emphasis placed on brick and mortar or buildings, which we call church? No doubt we need places to meet as a people of God but these places cannot become ones only and final reality of God.

So the argument is against systems of entrapment, babel a type of church which is a fix false belief, an idea of man created by man to reach God.

Above I have underlined some keys in the text that I will expand on in order to paint a picture to bring some sort of understanding to the reader.

- One language and same words Let us make
- Brick and mortar
- Let us build ourselves
- City and tower
- Let us make a name for ourselves Children of man
- Purpose
- Confused their language
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- Name was called Babel

This is not a negative view in terms of looking at a part in light of the whole, instead everything is positive until 'Let Us'. We can clearly see every provision was afforded to undertake such an extensive building operation. There was a purpose, a purpose to reach God through the building of a tower in a city. There was a purpose to create community, economic stability, employment, and social class of people wanting to reach God through a monument to which a name can be made for them.

Now in our context not all our efforts are corrupt and misaligned from the Spirit. It's amazing what can be accomplished when minds work together and hearts are joined. The kingdom of God has to be effective, efficient and committed to build accurately according to the plan and purposes of God. These things can only be accomplished if we understand the blue print of the Father.

What is the blue print of God the Father?

Christ Jesus, his life was of obedience to the Father, He pleased the Father in every way as a Son.

Lets look at the following in a church context

Heading 1

One language same words

It is so important to have a common understanding through language and having the same words, which means that of having the same mind and thoughts on a particular matter. Every believer should be of the same mind as Christ “**put on the mind of Christ**”, but in the context of church we put on the mind of religion, ‘**as a man thinks in his heart so is he**’ so we see a reflection of mans heart been manifested in his building efforts which is outward and not inward. To build true church the language and words must be from God. Building anything for God must come from Him, as God gave instructions on the building pattern of the Ark in Noah's time and building of the tabernacle in the wilderness spearheaded by Moses and Aaron. King Solomon in turn took the blue print and built a temple. So there is a great advantage in speaking the same language and have the same mind, see, God has placed something in every human being and that's to know Him through the grace of father and son and there are two ways in which we can see this pattern, the first is a biological father and the second is the spiritual father and sometimes these two conflict because the practice may not be aligned to the heart of God, which makes it dysfunctional but through the Holy Spirit these kingdom principles can be better understood when hearts are aligned and there is a grace configuration to ‘I am a Son’. He said draw close to me and I will draw close to you, which is achievable only through a relationship with him Christ Jesus. The language and words are so important to communicate the perfect will of God accurately but more than language and words our character will speak greater and of better ways to follow.

Back to our context, so we see class, skill, income, number in the family, business and social standing, which is a common measurement to place people in church based on who they are and what they can do, this is inaccurate building, does not mean it looks right it is right everything seems right yet so far from the intentions of God, accurate building is to bring a person in truth, establish that person in the word according to the Spirit of God. So this means that an understanding of language and words

according to the Spirit, which is of a Kingdom mind set, will enable people to grow and build accurately inwardly.

Heading 2

Let us make

Brick and mortar

Let us build ourselves

City and tower

Lets examine the above as a whole it has all the elements of man creating a system in which to operate within, ultimately glorifying himself and his works. In my own estimation this model, which is commonly adopted by institutional church has its merits within its own framework unto those who it reach out to. 'Let us' is a phrase reserved for God to satisfy Himself. Brick and mortar is the craftsmanship of man and anything contained within its structures are subjected to its authority, every building has a name to it, weather it's a church, school, government, corporate building hence under that name is the association, the context of the above can also be interpreted as follows

In pursuit of greater things we have the human resource and capacity within us to build and create structure and a pathway to God in our own efforts, so let us build something great and magnificent attributed to ourselves in our city and people will love it and adore it, so splendorous that we will become famous.

Let us build a church use the best materials for building that will standout from the other buildings, it must have the best technical equipment, sound and visuals for special effects which must appeal to a certain type of person. The entire experience must create the elusion of heaven a place to be with God, yes, we can create this experience and fill the seats with many people hence we will make a name for ourselves and this church will be the center of this city.

The framework of this entire concept of thinking is delusional, now this is just in a very simply way exposing what we see happening. So are we building systems or relationships in Christ.

Heading 3

Let us make a name for ourselves

Children of man

Purpose

The above is descriptive of a natural man whose heart's purpose is focused on building outwardly, thinking secularly and is purposed on man-made ideas as if it were God's intentions. So really what needs to go is not the meeting of church in buildings but the traditions, religious ideology's, culture that is based on feelings and self image which is void of whole truth encapsulated in Christ Jesus. There are those who made names for themselves through manipulation of vulnerable people by emotional conjuring. God has shown grace and mercy and if we as a people cannot work it out, judgment will come swiftly. The church finds its framework in Christ and many pastors enter ministry been zealous, determined to preach the word of God until there is numbers, cash and buildings which overwhelmed them resulting in another gospel, another Jesus, another doctrine given to the naive at heart. Combine the heading description and see how many pastors are building church contrary to the word of God. This has been for many the purpose of the children of man to make a name for himself.

Heading 4

Confused their language

Left off building the city

Name was called Babel

Apostolic reconfiguration has always been of church alignment so just as God came down and evaluated the going on of the people and how misdirected they where hence coming to the decision of reforming them through dispersing them over the earth, so it is in the case of modern day church, anything that is not of substance meaning Christ centered is inaccurate and will close down if it continues in its own way the work will be in vain and no spiritual fruit will be produced. This season there is one language and words, meaning Christ and His kingdom which prevails above anything outside of Him. Modernism, popularity, humanism, secularism are all dispensational thinking which is momentarily it has an entry point and an exit point, in Christ there is an entry point which leads to eternity with Him. Babel by definition means a confused noise much which happens in church today.

Prophetically speaking it is better to abandon incorrect building now before judgment prevails, its ok to run away from the wrong thing and seek the right thing, its better to please God then to have the approval of man. The church must be aligned to prophetic and apostolic grace, discerning the will of God and providing correction through the discipline of the Word of God, to build accurately the people of God, be it in a mega church, a hall, a class room, or your home, do the right thing before God.

Babel a type of Babylon was a great city and entertained the idea of a perfect man in a perfect system ruling over a people a law unto self, yet throughout history no system had ever perfected man. The grand delusion that 666 is a mark of the beast is incorrect, rather it's the mark of a man in a system that rules like a beast by instinct.

6 - created on the sixth day

6 - number of a perfect system

6 - man perfected in the system

Apostolic grace brings confusion to those who are perishing, and the ones who are perishing are the ones who lack understanding, knowledge and wisdom to discern the time and season. This is what the scripture says 'My people perish for the lack of knowledge'. Its amazing how man can build things with such humility, strength, starting out with such great intentions been focused, determined, well resourced and then in a heart beat power corrupts the soul. If cash, building, and numbers authenticate church and it is working, why change it? Christ Jesus authenticates true church, as He is the head of His church, so church can be working right for you but to God it may just be a place which adopted the name for fame. The measurement of a true church is Love, agape love that is a super natural love which means God can only love in that way, that's why we come to the understanding of Father, agape love fills us so we can love others with a supernatural love and not in our own strength.

End Note

A thing for consideration its either we are sons of God bearing His name and aligned to His kingdom or we are sons of the system of this world. Leaving a system that we have been familiar with is a test and hard for most people. Only by the Spirit of God are we able to determine or discern between accurate and inaccurate, Babel is a system built on human effort the Kingdom is built by Spirit and Truth through the Son of God.

Check your Character does its align to Christ.

Test every spirit to evaluate whats true and acceptable to God.

Church does not perfect you, Christ perfect you and places you in the body.

Its one duty to study to be shown approved unto God.

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