

Readings: Genesis 11:4; Proverbs 18:10; Psalm 18:2

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Subject: The Tower

In Genesis chapter 11, men wanted to build a tower that would make a name for themselves. The parallel is seen today in the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world. It symbolises the idea that men want to build a way to Heaven. This can never happen. There is nothing that we can do to gain entry into Heaven. Men will try living a good life, being good to their neighbour, giving to charity. All of these are commendable but they will not earn entry to Heaven.

If all we do is based on our abilities and our name without thought of what God asks, we are in a dangerous place. Man can try to do many things in his own strength but when we come to eternity, we must depend on what God has done. He loves us and cares for us but we must trust Him.

Proverbs 18:10 brings the Good News of the Gospel. There is danger but there is Someone who can save us from the danger. The Lord is the answer. He is a strong Tower that cannot be breached.

The name, Lord Jesus Christ, describes Him.

He is the ultimate Lord. Every knee will bow to Him. No one can defy His authority.

Jesus means Saviour.

Christ means the Anointed One, God's Chosen Man.

He came from Heaven to earth 2000 years ago. He was perfect. He had no sin in Him. He is unique in His holiness, purity and perfection. He performed miracles and healed people. At the age of 33, He was cruelly treated by men and hung on a cross.

Why did He suffer such a horrific death?

He suffered for us. He did nothing wrong but He paid the penalty for our sins.

In a battle, men who were in danger would run to a tower for safety.

What is the danger?

The Bible is clear that we are all sinners. Our heart is deceitful and incurably wicked, Jer. 17:9. Our righteousnesses are like filthy rags, Isa 64. 6. We have all come short of the glory of God, Rom. 3:23. None of us can reach God's standard on our own.

Who is righteous?

The verse says that the righteous are safe. Our sin means that we are in danger. If we go through life without dealing with our sin, we will be separated from God for eternity. We will never gain entry into Heaven. The only way to be righteous is through the Lord Jesus Christ. We need to be out of our sin and in Christ. He is the one Mediator between God and men, 1 Tim. 2:5. He has dealt with sin on the cross. We need to confess and trust the Lord to be delivered from sin.

Are you safe?

The world is full of fear and unhappiness. For the Christian there is hope and great joy because we know we are safe and secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The only answer is to call on the name of the Lord, Rom 10:13. He is a fortress. He is a safe place. It takes simple faith in Him, accepting that He died for you to save you from your sin.

You must trust in Him. You will then have your sin forgiven and be saved.