



## GENESIS

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# The Rise and Fall of Mankind: Grace Over Judgment

*Genesis 10:1-11:9*

### **English Services**

*(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

*Elder Marc Sosmeña*

Benediction

### **Filipino Service**

*(3 n.h.)*

Paghahanda

Tawag sa Pagsamba

Pagsamba sa Pag-awit

Pagkilala sa mga Bisita

Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay

Natatanging Bilang

Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos

Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos

*Pastor Gelo Tuanqui*

Pangwakas na Panalangin  
at Basbas

See inset inside for the **Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.)** program.



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TONGUE.

Today we focus on Genesis 10:1 to 11:1-9. These chapters showcase for us the “grace of God over judgment.” Even as mankind continues in its roller coaster spin of “rising and falling,” God’s love and grace will prevail until the end. As in the previous narratives, we will see the faithfulness and goodness of God upon a rising civilization despite its collapse and scattering.

Our text once again reveals that God is the righteous judge who alone has the right to judge man’s sin and mete out the just consequences. What are the implications of this for us?

Let’s look at the movements in the story that show us the “Rise and Fall of Mankind”:

## 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MANKIND: PRIDEFUL REBELLION— RESTING ON THEIR HOMOGENEITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY (11:1-4)

- **Mankind’s Sin Exposed** (vv. 3-4)  
*They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”*
- **The Sin of Rebellion** (Genesis 9:1)
- **The Sin of Pride** (Proverbs 11:2, Psalm 144:15)

### Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Giving

Worship in Music

Doxology

Worship through Fellowship

Scripture Reading

Preparatory Hymn

Worship in the Word

*Elder Marc Sosmeña*

Response Hymn

Benediction



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## 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SIN: GOD DELIVERS HIS RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT (11:5-9)

- The result was both a punishment and a preventive measure (*vv. 5-6*)
- God confused their language so they will not understand each other (*vv. 7, 9*)
- God scattered them over all the face of the earth and they stopped building (*v. 8*)

## 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF NATIONS: GOD SCATTERED THEM OVER THE FACE OF THE EARTH (10:1-32)

- The descendants of Japheth (*vv. 2-5*)
- The descendants of Ham (*vv. 6-20*)
- The descendants of Shem (*vv. 21-32*)

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Even though the confusion of language and the scattering of people was a direct result of sin, God in His redemptive plan values every language, people and tongue. This is grace over judgment! God does not abandon. His judgment is perfect for He judges righteously but His mercy and grace are without boundaries.

Our King Jesus will soon return. We shall behold Him in all of His glory. The glorious worship God will receive from all the languages will be indescribable and so majestic because of its diversity, than it would have been if there were only one language and one people to sing.

Revelation 5:9-10 says, "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.'"

Then again in chapter 7:9-10, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

Beloved let us make disciples of all nations! ■

## THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Each of us, as part of this spiritual community around the Lord Jesus, is called upon to look after one another. The spirit of the Covenant of Membership is all about this.

If you are not engaged yet in a shepherding relationship, your spiritual journey is incomplete. In case you are wondering where to begin, start with praying for that someone or that small group you want to shepherd or lead. Start to share what God is speaking to you about and/or what God has done in your life thus far. It is even more exciting that way.

We all need to be reminded of the importance of the heart when it comes to shepherding people. Our model, of course, is God himself. The prophet Ezekiel gives us a glimpse of the heart of our heavenly

Shepherd. God has this to say to his flock (the Israelites): *"I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak"* (Ezekiel 34:15-16). Here, we gain a partial view of how affectionate God is to his flock. As we look to Him, start to care for people. God will develop in us the necessary affection to have for the 'flock' He assigns to us.

Rely on the abiding presence of God's Spirit in you. It is the key to lovingly care for others. Keep calling on Him. Be sensitive to His promptings and lovingly obey God. Along with your shepherding journey, your overall spiritual walk with God will be joyful and fruitful ■

**A note from Pastor Larry Pabiona:** From October 9 to 24, as permitted by our elders, I will go on leave to celebrate with a GCF couple overseas their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. This couple also graciously gave the tickets. While away, I will be teaching and preaching twice at a Filipino congregation. All this time, the ministry continues unhindered with the preaching of fellow elders Marc Sosmeña and Dylan Halili on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively. I am greatly blessed listening to these brothers every time on our GCF website ([www.gcf.org.ph/sermons](http://www.gcf.org.ph/sermons)), just like you'll be greatly blessed listening to them in person.

## GCF MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Lloyd P. Estrada, GCF Corporate Secretary

We thank God for all the members He has been blessing GCF with. Posted in front of the ground floor elevator and the entrance of Auditorium B (escalator side) is an updated list of GCF members—inclusive of those who were recently baptized, are transferees from another church, and those who affirmed their church membership. **This list is not final and exhaustive**, and will be updated as soon as new and/or corrected information is provided.

If your name is not present on the list, or wrong information about yourself was posted, it may mean that you have not yet

affirmed your membership or we have inadvertently missed your name and/or year of membership. Kindly visit the Ministry Information Booth to affirm your membership or to help us rectify any error on the list. You may also contact either **Pastor Emerson Manaloto (0920 906 2623)** or **Ministry Assistant Zark Binag (0917 531 8267)** for further help.

Please bear with us as we pursue this endeavor. We need all the help we could get from you in keeping our Membership Roll up-to-date so that we could better pursue the Mission of God together ■

# Ablaze Devotional

**While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.**

- Luke 24:15-16 (NSRV)

The disciples saw Jesus as the Messiah. They hoped that He was the one to save Israel from their enemy—the Romans. But Jesus was not the Messiah they were all anticipating. They anticipated a king who would stand against the Romans, but they received a servant—healing and serving the poor and the outcasts of society. They wanted someone who will organize a revolt, but Jesus proclaimed loving one's enemies. They looked forward to another Exodus story where God will trample the oppressor, but Jesus was beyond the Messiah they waited for.

The Exodus story was indeed reenacted. But not with Jesus being a Moses figure confronting Pharaoh, but with Jesus being the Passover lamb, the sacrifice for God's enemies to be reconciled with Him. He died loving His enemies. That seemed a defeat in the disciple's perspective. But Jesus' resurrection was the reality that He has triumphed over our one great enemy—ourselves.

Like the first disciples of Jesus, we might be looking for a Savior who will confront our "enemy." We may think that God is for us and against our enemy. But in Jesus, we learn that we are to love our enemies, even to die for them. Before our redemption in Jesus, we, too, were enemies of God. Christ died for us so that we might live, as His followers who would live as He had lived. Jesus rose again that we might have hope that our living like Him will give us the reality of living again ■

*PONDER: How do I see Jesus? Do I let Him reveal Himself to me as a servant-king, or something else?*

## GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL:

**The GCF Hour of Prayer**  
*Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.*

**Midweek Prayer Service**  
*Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.*

## Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



### HELLO ME!

*Picking Up the Pieces to Discover the New Me*  
*A S.U.P.A. Moms Fellowship*

October 28 (Sat.) 9 a.m. - 12 nn. at the Fellowship Hall  
Contact **0917 532 1921** for more information



### WELCOMING INTERNATIONALS

*A workshop in partnership with the*  
*OMF Philippines Home Council*

November 11 (Sat.), 9 a.m. to 12:00 nn. here at GCF  
Contact **0932 371 3457** for more information



### JAPAN PRAYER DAY

November 11 (Sat.), 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
here at GCF (Sunken Lobby)

Contact **0932 371 3457** for more information



### ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Please pray for the upcoming election of Elders and Deacons. Details of qualifications, nomination guidelines and interview process are available as insert.

## Weekly Stewardship REPORT

- Week of October 8, 2017 -

General Fund	2,936,931.23
Missions Fund	455,990.00
Designated	189,380.00
<i>Total</i>	<b>3,582,301.23</b>

### Flower Ministry

*The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His blessings, faithfulness and answered prayers by an anonymous donor, Ms. Ramona Almiraz, the Basilad family, and the Messiah College.*

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

*Would you like to read our weekly church bulletin on your mobile device? Just sign-up with your e-mail address at the Ministry Information Booth at the lobby.*





## Love God, love others.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Last August 10 to 13, Charmagne Sunico joined Operation Compassion on their medical mission in Davao with local partner, Hope for the Nations Philippines. Praise God for allowing them to serve 1,487 people through various services given in those 2 days.

Charmagne recalls one senior lady who was about to cry while writing out her prescription. Upon asking, the patient said that it was because she could get her check-up for free. Looking back, Charmagne didn't know who was blessed more—her patient whom she checked-up, or her, who was able to serve. The team was not only able to minister to their needs but they also shared God's Word to them through the help of Hope for the Nations Philippines. With the help of their local partner, a lot of those who came received Christ as their Lord and Savior. It was truly a harvest for heaven ■



*You may also bless others by sharing your own shepherding or discipleship journey in loving God and in loving others. You may e-mail your story to [lifjourney@gcf.org.ph](mailto:lifjourney@gcf.org.ph).*

**ON THE COVER:** The river Euphrates along the Rumkale fortress ruins in Turkey (*Wikimedia*). The Euphrates, together with the river Tigris, straddled the ancient region of Mesopotamia (identified with the biblical Shinar). Much of Mesopotamia is located in modern-day Iraq, where some of the oldest Christian communities in the world have been displaced by the terrorism and persecution of ISIS. Pray that Iraqi Christians and the rest of Christians in the Levant will boldly stand in the hope of Christ, even in the midst of chaos and violence.

# Join a GROWTH GROUP

## HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Y-GROUP

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

At GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

## ICU (Intimacy Care Unit) GG

*for Couples aged 30 up*

Saturdays, 4-6 p.m. at GCF (Rm. A109)

## GREEN MEADOWS GG

*for Couples aged 40 up*

Every other Thursday, 8-10 p.m.

at Green Meadows Subdivision

## NEW GG (GATHERING CONTACTS)

*for Single Men aged 21-30*

Tentatively scheduled on Sundays, 3-5 p.m. at GCF

## YACIES TUESDAY GG

*for Single Men and Women aged 30 up*

Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. at GCF (Rm. BM07)

## SPORTS GGs (THREE GROUPS)

*for Boys aged 11 to 18*

Saturdays, 12 nn.-3 p.m. at GCF Multi-purpose Gym (6th flr.)

## Pass by the GGEX (Growth Group Express)!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B123

Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one. Come and join us!

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.*



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# How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**  
(Specify age group: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Specify group composition: \_\_\_\_\_)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Landline no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): \_\_\_\_\_

*Today is **14/15 October 2017**, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).*

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

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# God's Way to Heaven

## THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."  
*(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).*

## THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

**God is holy and righteous:** "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (*1 Peter 1:16*).

## THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

**Man is sinful:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*).  
**Sin demands a penalty:** "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23*).

## THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

**Christ is the expression of God's love for us:** "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (*1 Peter 3:18*). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (*2 Corinthians 5:18*).

## WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

**Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior:** "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (*Romans 10:9*).

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PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

## Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.