



Sermon

# Reaching Heaven

Genesis 11:1-9

*Series:*

*Epilogue to Designed for Dignity: Life in a Fallen World*





God's purposes will devastate all attempts to  
challenge him.

# The Plans of Man



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*Be fruitful & multiply & fill the earth*

Genesis 1:28 & 9:1



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“We’ll be famous and safe and happy and everything will be all right...but God knew that wouldn’t make them happy or safe or anything. If they kept on like this, they would only destroy themselves.”



# The Purposes of God



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*For [Abraham] was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God...they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.*

Hebrews 11:10, 16





# The Purposes of God

*The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

Genesis 6:5



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*For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord.*

Zephaniah 3:9



# What This Means for Us



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Turning FROM Idols





What things are you putting your  
security, pride, and hope into?

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*Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.*

Genesis 28:14-15



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What is keeping you from looking to God in  
faith, and pursuing his mission?



*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!"*

Revelation 7:9-10

