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The Lord Came Down to See



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God, being omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent, knew all about what people were doing at Babel, and why. So the statement that he "came down to see" was not for His benefit, but for ours. God sees everything, but we are reminded that He is focused if we engage in rebellion. God was intentionally about to prevent these rebellious actions, and He did so for our benefit because it was in the interest of the human race to scatter across the whole world.

The verse tells us that the city and the tower were being built by the "children of man". The Hebrew word translated as "man" is Adam. Of course, this word actually means man, and is correctly translated that way throughout the Old Testament. But perhaps "children of Adam" is an appropriate phrase. These people were rebellious because their first ancestor was rebellious. They carried Adam's sin nature in their hearts.

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