



## Genesis 1-11 Reflection

### Starting Questions:

- What do you think the original author was trying to get across?
- What does the passage say about God/man?
- How does the passage inform my response to God?

**These are some of our starting questions, but when we approach Scripture we are often left with additional questions of our own. This is a good thing! Here are a few questions we had while reading. Feel free to answer them, or come up with a few of your own:**

-  (Cpt 1-4) How does the story thus far answer these fundamental questions:
- Where are we?
  - Who are we?
  - What's wrong?
  - What's the solution?

-  (9: 20-27) What does the shameful encounter between Noah and Ham reveal about the source of evil after all has been destroyed? What still needs to be recreated?


### Literary Elements (Themes and Repetition):

#### Image

We repeatedly see that man was made in the image of God (Cpts. 2:26-27; 5:1-2; 9:6). The word used for image is “Tselem,” meaning idol, statue, or image. We see this theme later in Scripture when God gives Moses the Ten Commandments. (See Bible Project theme video: [Image of God](#)).

#### Good and evil

(2:9; 3, 6:5) We see in these passages that God is the source of all good, and evil exists as a direct result of our choice to be without him.

 **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I praise You and thank You for reminding me that You are the creator and sustainer of life, and I am not. You alone are worthy of worship. I ask for You to call me out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Teach my mind and my heart to trust You, to turn to You alone as the source of wisdom, life, and ultimate satisfaction. I recognize that I cannot do this on my own, but I need You to lead me and make me new. Thank You that nothing is too dark, chaotic, or broken for You to recreate and breathe new life into such places. Thank You for revealing Your goodness, love, mercy, and grace from the very beginning, and for Your desire to be known by Your people. Amen.