

My Time with God / Session 6

Day 1

Read Genesis 10:1-10.

- What do you know about your genealogy?
- Are there famous or successful people in your ancestry?
- What do you want your family reputation to be?

After the Flood, Noah's descendants populated the earth. Of Noah's three sons, Ham had sinned against his father, while Shem and Japheth had not. Noah had prophesied that Ham's descendents would carry his reputation and suffer because of it. Genesis 10 begins the story of how the nations came into being after the flood. The people of Shinar were descendents of Ham.

Day 2

Read Genesis 10:11-20.

- Think of a time when you were really close to God.
- Have you ever felt like you just knew what God would have you do in a particular situation?
- Are you as close to God as you once were?

When Noah spoke against Ham's descendants, He was walking very closely to God. God gave Noah the understanding about Ham's descendants. In Scripture, we read about the Philistines quite often. These people warred against Israel. The Canaanites, the people whom God gave over to the Israelites, were also Ham's descendants. Noah's prophecy remained true.

Day 3

Read Genesis 10:21-29.

- Where is your family from?
- Where did you grow up?
- How would things have been different if you had been born in another country?

You were born in a particular place at a particular time to particular parents. God has a plan for you, just as he had a plan to populate the earth through Noah's three sons. Though you may not fully understand His plans for you, thank Him for caring for you and placing you here.

Day 4

Read Genesis 10:30–11:6.

- What are your plans for tomorrow?
- What would you like to do when you grow up?
- How do you envision your future family?

Be sure to leave room for interruption and readjustment in your life. While you may have hopes and dreams, God will supply the details of your life that lead to where He wants you to be. Always avoid pride in your planning. God may have other plans for you, but they are always better than the ones you have already laid out.

Day 5

Read Genesis 11:7-15.

- Who are your friends?
- Is there a particular group that you do everything with?
- What would you do if circumstances changed the makeup of that group?

You can be sure that the people working on the tower did not want to be broken up. God had greater plans for this group of people. Change is hard to understand and people sometimes do not accept it well. As you grow up, friends from your group will change. Some will change for the good, others for the bad. Ask God to help you stay close to Him so that you can see His hand at work through every change that occurs in your life.

Day 6

Read Genesis 11:16-23.

- Even though most of the people listed in this passage are mentioned in passing, do you think their lives were unimportant?
- Do you ever feel insignificant?
- Do you believe that God ever creates someone who is unimportant?

Although these people are mentioned briefly, their contribution and their lives are very important because they contributed to God's plan. Their existence helped fulfill prophecy and provided a very important line of people leading up to something spectacular. Ask God to help you realize that you are special and important.

Day 7

Read Genesis 11:24-32.

- How successful do you consider yourself to be?
- Do you think success comes overnight or through daily effort?
- If an athlete never works out and practices, do you think he or she can be successful?

Shem, Noah's oldest son, seems like a success. He had a lineage that led to Abraham. God blessed Shem's descendents. He did not see His biggest success, though. His greatest reward is that his descendents led to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and eventually to Jesus. Keep doing your best every day to stay close to God. Who knows what great rewards there will be?