

### *The God Who Separates*

#### **I. Humanity Is Separated From the Garden**

***Genesis 3:22 And Lord God said, Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat and live forever.***

- A. What a sad day it must have been for God to put His prize creation from the garden. Our God is not a being that focuses on vengeance or is angry often. He is a God of mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Daniel 9:9 reads, "To the Lord our God belongs mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him." Though Adam and Eve rebelled against Him His love for them was still God's purpose for His action in dispelling them from the garden.
- B. The plan of God for humanity was to live in the Garden of Eden in peace and harmony with each other and with their God. God wanted to take care of them and their children that was to be born from their relationship. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jeremiah 29:11
- C. God's plans for us has not changed. Even when we rebel he remains the same loving and forgiving God. Exodus 34:6-7 reads, "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

*GQ: When Adam and Eve was separated from God how do you think they felt?*

*GQ: How did you feel when you were separated from God and how do you feel now that you are joined to God?*

***Genesis 11:6-7 And the Lord God said the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another.***

- A. It is the will of God for all of His creation to dwell together. Remember God all though a triune being exists as one in nature and love. It is against the nature of God to be separate. Now the trinity separates humanities language in order to destroy their unity.
- B. Genesis 11:4 reports the reason for humanity building the Tower of Babel, “And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” Humanity did not want to join to give praise or worship to God but it was to bring all together into a central government. Humanity at this time were nomads and they wanted the Tower of Babel to be a representation of their unity.

*GQ: Discuss the consequences of a people speaking one language and all of a sudden speaking a different language?*

*GQ: How do think they felt when they could not communicate with one another? Did it hurt them? Did they feel lost, confused? Did they lose their sense of purpose?*