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Genesis 11: 3, 4 *“They said to each other, ‘Come let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.’ They used bricks instead of stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come let us build ourselves a city, with a tower which reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”*

‘Keeping up with the Jones’s.’ We live in a materialistic age where the acquiring of possessions becomes all consuming. We must have the latest tablet, car, yacht or mansion. It’s important to be seen as successful.

The descendants of Noah’s son’s speaking as they did the same language decided to advertise their wealth and influence by building a ziggurat, a sort of pyramid. But they decided to use man-made materials, bricks and bitumen not those God given such as stone. Thereby they confused the importance of themselves and forgot about God. God decided to thwart them by destroying their common language and the various tribes were scattered *‘over the face of the whole earth.’*

We should be careful not to let our possessiveness override our devotion to God and his ways.