



# The Great Ambition

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You said *in your heart*, “I will *ascend* to heaven; I will *raise* my throne above the stars of God; I will sit *enthroned* on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will *ascend* above the tops of the clouds; *I will make myself like the Most High.*”

**Isaiah 14:13-14**

The serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God*, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman *saw that the tree was good for food*, and that it was a *delight to the eyes*, and that the tree was *to be desired to make one wise*, she took of its fruit and ate; and *she also gave some to her husband*, who was with her, and he ate.

**Genesis 3:4-6**

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and *that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.*

**Genesis 6:5**

Noah *built an altar* to the Lord...

**Genesis 8:20**

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and *increase in number* and *fill the earth.*”

**Genesis 9:1**

“*Make an altar of earth* for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. *Wherever I cause my name to be honored*, I will come to you and bless you. If you make an *altar of stones* for me, do not build it with *dressed stones*, for you will *defile* it if you *use a tool on it*. And *do not go up to my altar on steps*, lest your *nakedness be exposed* on it.”

**Exodus 20:24**

You are to build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. *You must not use any iron tool on them.* You shall build the altar of the LORD your God with *uncut stones* ...

**Deuteronomy 27:5-6**

Now the *whole world* had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in *Shinar* and *settled there.*

**Genesis 11:2**

They said to each other, "Come, *LET'S MAKE bricks and bake them thoroughly.*" They used brick *instead of* stone, and tar *for* mortar.

**Genesis 11:3**

Then they said, "Come, let us build *OURSELVES* a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a *NAME FOR OURSELVES* and *NOT be scattered over the face of the whole earth.*"

**Genesis 11:4**

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. *Mary has chosen what is BETTER*, and it will not be taken away from her."

**Luke 10:42**