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Isaiah 14:12 – 15

“How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For you have said in your heart, “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.” Isaiah 14:12 – 14

“Pride comes before destruction.” (Proverbs 16:18) In ancient times past, Lucifer – an angelic being of marvelous creation – exalted himself! “Don’t praise yourself, let others do it.” (Proverbs 27:2 NLT). Rather than to utter the words of the Master, “Your will be done...” Lucifer dared to utter words of his own assertion and desires, “I will..., I will..., I will..., I will..., I will...” Surely, the “I wills” of our own selfishness and purpose end in our falling, if not in our destruction!

Lucifer dared to intrude into Heaven’s inaccessible region – into ministry other than his own. He saw himself as better as and more important than the “stars of God” – the other angelic beings. He declared he would sit above the peoples of God. He boasted his intention of assaulting Heaven and even dared challenge the Most High!

Such arrogance will eventually find its reward. Better to humble ourselves before the Lord and others than continue on a path whose end is terrible – “Yet, you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:15).

Humility is always a choice. Choose wisely today. “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” (James 4:10)

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