



“The pride of your heart has deceived you.” Obadiah 3

Pride disguises itself. It tailor’s its mood to its wearer. Rarely does it show its arrogant and ostentatious face, rather choosing to subtly reveal its self in the human heart as self-reliance, not in the sense of mature and responsible adulthood or citizenship, but rather as independence from the Lord’s sustaining life! It may most often be found in our secret confidences – the inner attitude that believes we are better than others or that we possess rights or revelations that others do not!

However pride comes, it is a trap ready to spring shut upon us – trapping us and binding us in its grip. “Pride comes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverb 16:18). Its deception is to make us believe we are right and others are wrong. It makes us believe our way is better, wiser, more proper, smarter, or even more spiritual. Humility of heart is yet to be achieved when we secretly believe, (no matter how we may externally posture ourselves), that we are better than others.

Never trust your heart (the outer man of the heart – the soulish aspect of our being). Rather, lean heavily upon the still small voice of the Holy Spirit as He speaks. His counsel will always align itself with the Word of God. (Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 3:4; Jeremiah 17:9). His instruction will be to always lift up others! (Philippians 2:1 – 5). His purpose is ever to exalt Jesus and not you. (John 16:13 – 14, John 3:30).

And finally, make it your practice to regularly “humble yourself in the sight of the Lord...” (James 4:10).

“The lowest place is the safest place.”

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