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Exodus 18:11

“Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.” Exodus 18:11

Whatever it is that exalts itself against the knowledge of God – that thing will be brought down! (2 Corinthians 10:5) The lifting of pride is always subtle, especially at first. It sounds reasonable and is often cloaked in “common sense”. However, with its practical logic there is a fundamental flaw. The flaw is self importance and self exaltation. The fall of Lucifer was his insatiable demand to exalt himself “above the stars of God.” Because pride is so self-exalting and because the Lord dwells only with those of a “contrite and humble spirit” (Isaiah 57:15), those who are found walking in pride will always find themselves being resisted and opposed by God! (James 4:6) It is to the humble that God releases His grace, and it is for the humble that they are positioned to receive His grace! (James 4:6; Hebrews 4:16).

For the Christian then, pride is one of the remnants of the former life. Pride is the poisonous residue of those things we once worshiped, or shall we say, gathered a round us so we could be the center of attention and importance. The Living Bible says, “The nature of false gods is to act proudly.” It is a safe place for us to be as low as possible!

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” (James 4:10)

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