

Seeing God

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Week Seven

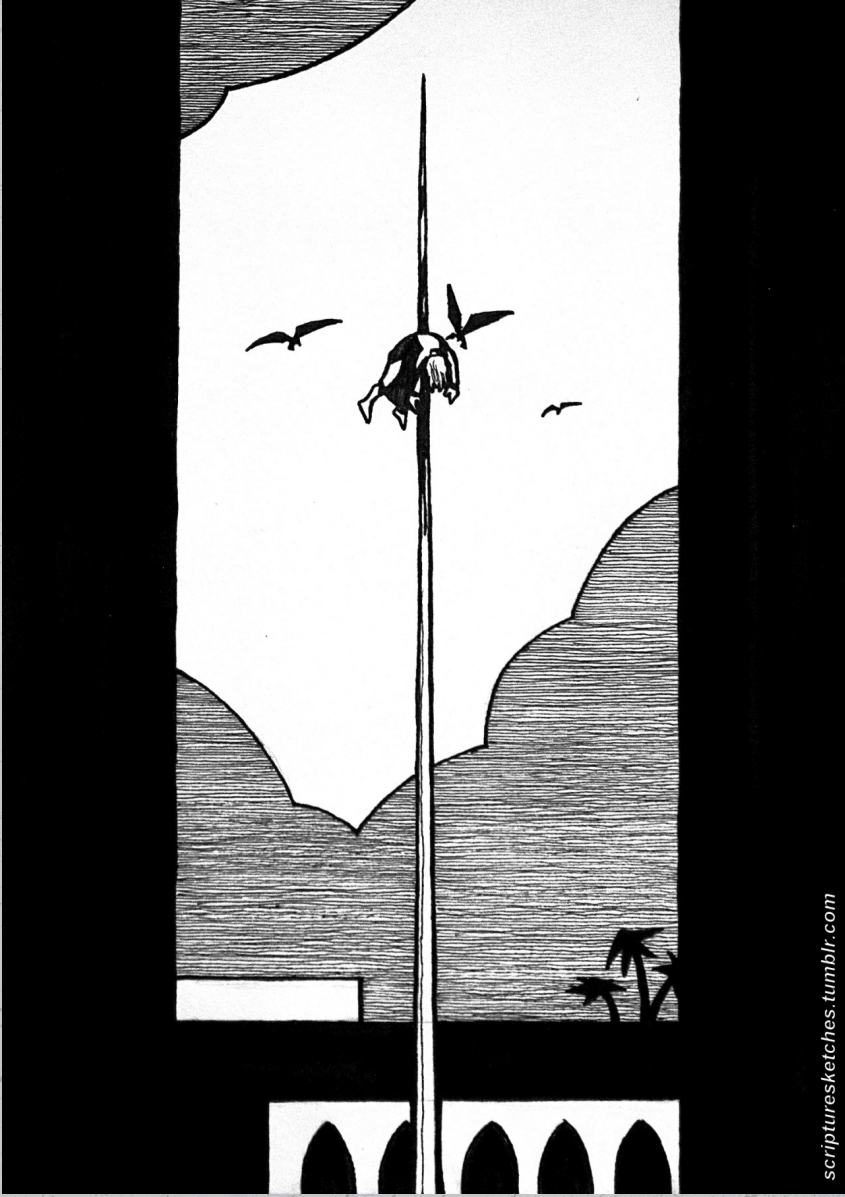


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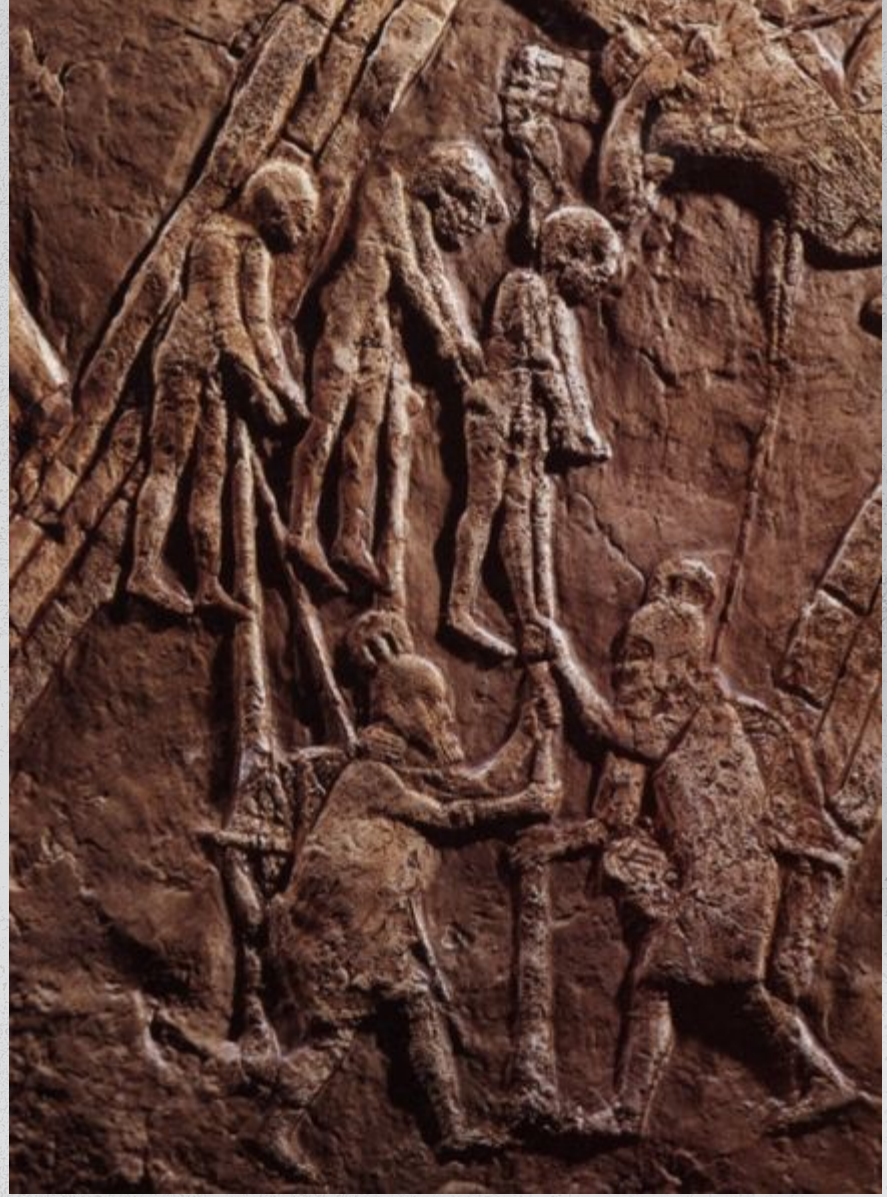
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Esther 6:14-7:10





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# PRIDE AND DESTRUCTION

ESTHER 6:14 ESV

<sup>14</sup> While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.





# PRIDE AND DESTRUCTION

## ESTHER 7:1-13 ESV

<sup>1</sup> So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup> And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, “What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favour in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request.





# PRIDE AND DESTRUCTION

## ESTHER 7:1-10 ESV

<sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.” <sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” <sup>6</sup> And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.





# PRIDE AND DESTRUCTION

## ESTHER 7:1-10 ESV

<sup>7</sup> And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. <sup>8</sup> And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face.





# PRIDE AND DESTRUCTION

## ESTHER 7:1-10 ESV

<sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” <sup>10</sup> So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.





# **1. Providence doesn't excuse passivity**





“Passivity...actually resists and quenches the Spirit. Souls that cultivate passivity do not thrive, but waste away. The Christian’s motto should not be ‘Let go and let God’ but ‘trust God and get going!’”

**J.I. PACKER**





“It is right to risk for the cause of Christ. It is right to engage the enemy and say, “May the Lord do what seems good to him.” It is right to serve the people of God, and say, “If I perish, I perish!” It is right to stand before the fiery furnace of affliction and refuse to bow down to the gods of this world.





At the end of every other road—secure and risk-free—we will put our face in our hands and say, “I’ve wasted it!” But at the end of the road of risk, taken in reliance on the blood-bought promises of God, there will be fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore.”

**JOHN PIPER**





“I realised that I was immortal till my Master’s work with me was done. The assurance came to me, as if a voice out of heaven had spoken, that not a musket would be fired to wound us, not a club prevail to strike us, not a spear leave the hand in which it was held vibrating to be thrown, not an arrow leave the bow, or killing stone the fingers, without the permission of Jesus Christ.”

**JOHN PATON**





## 2. Pride leads to destruction

### 1 PETER 5:5-6 ESV

<sup>5</sup> Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.





“Pride is ruthless, sleepless, unsmiling  
concentration on the self.”

**C.S. LEWIS**





“So many people hate snobs...but you can only hate snobs if you feel superior to them, which means hating snobbery is a form of snobbery because humble people don't feel superior to anyone. Do you look down your nose at snobs? Do you look down your nose at people who look down their nose at people? Do you see how inescapable it is?”

**TIM KELLER**





# MAKING OUR HOME IN THE LOW PLACE

ISAIAH 57:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,

To revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”





“The only way...is to look at Christ. To look at our humility is to make it vanish; to look at the infinitely lovely God, supremely manifest in Christ, is to bring humility in the back door of the heart.”

**JONATHAN EDWARDS**





# MAKING OUR HOME IN THE LOW PLACE

PHIL 2:9-11 ESV

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





“In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that-and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison-you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

**C.S. LEWIS**

