

## 2025\_6\_22 Obadiah

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2. "There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when he sees it in someone else; and of which hardly any people... ever imagine that they are guilty of themselves...the vice I'm talking of is pride or self-conceit."

C. S. Lewis

3. Truth #1

Pride warps your sense of reality.

4. "Your arrogant heart has deceived you,  
you who live in clefts of the rock  
in your home on the heights,  
who say to yourself,  
"Who can bring me down to the ground?"

5. Though you seem to soar like an eagle  
and make your nest among the stars,  
even from there I will bring you down.

This is the LORD's declaration."

Obadiah v3-4

6. "Pride is the carbon monoxide of sin. It silently and slowly kills you without you even knowing."

Tim Keller

7. Self-idolatry rearranges the spiritual and moral landscape, where we see the universe with different eyes.

8. Pride is the illusion that we are competent to run our own lives.

9. Truth #2

Pride alienates us from both God and others.

10. "In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

Psalms 10v4 (NIV)

11. "Lost persons, in Christian terms, are precisely the ones who mistake their own person for God."

Dallas Willard

12. "On the day you stood aloof, on the day strangers captured his wealth, while foreigners entered his city gate and cast lots for Jerusalem, you were just like one of them."

Obadiah v11 (CSB)

13. "The Lord had sanctioned the Babylonians, as his instrument of judgement, to attack Jerusalem, but he had not authorized the Edomites to participate in this judgement. They would, then, be held accountable for their crimes...the Day of the Lord was past for Judah, but was soon to arrive for Edom."

Fuhr and Yates

14. Self-sufficiency and pride turns everything into a competition.

15. "Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only having more of it than the next person."

Tim Keller

16. Truth #3

Pride is its own punishment.

17. "For the day of the LORD is near, against all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; what you deserve will return on your own head."

Obadiah v15 (CSB)

18. "The surest source of destruction to men is to obey themselves...so blindly do we rush in the direction of self-love, that everyone thinks he has a good reason for exalting himself and despising all others in comparison."

John Calvin

19. God's judgement is often a self-fulfilling prophecy.

20. Pride has a boomerang effect. It not only destroys others, but it destroys you.

21. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins.

Isaiah 64v7 (NIV)

22. "If our heart controls the "issues of life" – our thoughts attitudes, aspirations, feelings, talk, and behavior – we can only conclude that the problems of our life are ultimately problems of the heart.

23. We don't experience the abundant life of love, joy, and peace for which we were created because something is seriously amiss in our heart...proud persons obviously have proud hearts."

Robert Saucy

24. Pride makes you the star of a collapsing show.

25. Truth #4

The death of pride is the way to life.

26. "But there will be a deliverance on Mount Zion, and it will be holy...the kingdom shall be the Lord's."

Obadiah v17, 21 (CSB)

27. Humility keeps our minds and hearts open to and fixed on Jesus.

28. "Growth in humility is a measure of our growth in the habit of the Godward-directed mind."

Thomas Kelly

29. To orient your will and heart toward God, you must:

- Identify the pride points in your life and confess
- Practice downward mobility by going low.
- Take your eyes off yourself and place them on Jesus

30. You kill pride in your life by beholding the humble King - Jesus.