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"The Dangers of Pride: A Call to Humility and Repentance"

(Jeremiah 13:15-27)

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts: Jeremiah 13:15-27

In this passage, God uses the prophet Jeremiah to call the people of Judah to repentance. Their pride, arrogance, and refusal to listen have led them to the brink of destruction. Despite God's warnings, they continue in their self-exaltation, and Jeremiah pleads with them to humble themselves before it's too late. The passage shows the devastating effects of pride and the urgent need for humility and repentance before judgment comes. It also reveals the heart of God, who does not delight in judgment but longs for His people to turn back to Him.

I. The Warning Against Pride (Jeremiah 13:15-16)

"Hear and give ear—do not be haughty! For ADONAI has spoken. Give glory to ADONAI your God, before He brings darkness and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains" (Jer. 13:15-16, TLV).

Jeremiah pleads with the people to "Shema"—hear and give ear—to the word of the Lord. Their pride has blinded them to the truth, and Jeremiah warns them not to exalt themselves. Pride makes people unable to admit when they are wrong, and this stubbornness leads to destruction. God's call is for humility before it's too late, for the darkness is coming, and soon there will be no light to guide them.

Pride often blinds us from seeing the truth. When we refuse to humble ourselves, we risk stumbling in the darkness of our own arrogance. God calls us to listen, to humble ourselves, and to give Him glory before the darkness of judgment falls.

2. The Cost of Pride (Jeremiah 13:17-18)

"If you will not listen, my soul will sob in secret because of your pride. My eyes will weep bitterly and overflow with tears, for ADONAI's flock will be taken captive" (Jer. 13:17, TLV).

Despite Jeremiah's warnings, if the people refuse to listen, the consequences will be severe. Jeremiah's heart breaks, knowing that God's people will face captivity because of their pride. He speaks to the kings and leaders, warning that their crowns of glory will fall. The pride that once elevated them will now bring them down. Their refusal to humble themselves will lead to destruction, not only for them but for the entire nation. Pride always leads to a fall. When we refuse to acknowledge our mistakes and repent, we set ourselves up for destruction. We must learn from the consequences of pride and turn to God in humility before it's too late.

3. The Path to Restoration: Humility and Surrender (Jeremiah 13:19-22)

"Lift up your eyes and see those coming from the north. Where is the flock that was given to you, your beautiful sheep? What will you say when He sets up over you—those you cultivated as allies?" (Jer. 13:20-21, TLV).

Jeremiah gives a vivid image of the consequences of pride. He describes the towns of Judah being shut up, the people being taken into exile, and their beautiful crown of glory falling. The alliances they trusted in instead of God will turn against them. However, amidst the warnings, there is still hope. If the people would humble themselves and return to God, they could avoid the worst of the destruction. God longs for His people to turn back to Him in humility and find restoration in Him.

Our pride often leads us to trust in things that cannot save us—wealth, power, or even human alliances. But God is calling us to humble ourselves, to stop trusting in these false securities, and to return to Him. He is the only true source of security.

A Call to Humility and Surrender. God is calling us today to humble ourselves before Him. Pride has a way of sneaking into our lives, making us think we don't need God, that we have everything figured out. But God is asking us to let go of pride, to listen to His voice, and to give Him the glory before it's too late. If you've been running in the wrong direction, now is the time to stop, turn back, and surrender to Him. Don't wait until the darkness falls—give glory to God now, while there is still light.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "give glory to ADONAI your God" in the context of Jeremiah's warning against pride (Jeremiah 13:15-16)?
2. How does pride prevent us from hearing God's voice and responding to His warnings?
3. In what ways does Jeremiah's heartbreak over the people's pride reflect God's heart toward us when we are stubborn and refuse to listen?
4. How can we recognize when pride is leading us down a path of destruction, and how do we turn back in humility?
5. How does trusting in false securities, such as alliances or wealth, hinder our relationship with God, and what does it look like to trust in Him fully?

Closing Prayer:

Gracious Father, Slow to Anger, Abounding in Love, We come before You, acknowledging that pride can so easily blind us and keep us from walking in humility before You. We confess that at times we have exalted ourselves, trusting in our own strength, alliances, or false securities. But today, we want to turn back to You. Help us to humble ourselves, to give You the glory You deserve, and to surrender fully to Your will. Lord, let us not be consumed by pride, but instead, let us walk in the light of Your truth. Guide us, lead us, and restore us to the place of beauty and glory You desire for us.

B'Shem Yeshua, In Yeshua's name, we pray. Amen.