

a. What does God promise to those who humble themselves?

Isaiah 57:15 *For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite."*

Malachi 4:1-2

Finding the Riches of God's Grace

God promises to bring down the proud (Genesis 11:8)

What God promises to do with the proud: Humble, bring low, set in slippery places, abase, hurl down, tread down, tear down, break down, cast down, put down, cut down, oppose, scatter, cut off, lop off, deliver up, abundantly repay, sweep away like dung, consume like chaff, set ablaze, put an end to, destroy (1 Ki. 14:10, Ex. 15:1, 7, Job 40:12, Ps 94:2, Prov. 15:25, Is. 2:11, Lev. 26:19, Is. 13:11, Amos 6:8, Ps. 31:23, Ps. 73:18, 19, 1 Sam. 2:7, Ps 75:7, 10, Is. 10:33, Mal. 4:1, Luke 1:51, James 4:6, Luke 18:14).

Job 40:12 *Look on everyone who is proud, and humble him, and tread down the wicked where they stand.*

1. God brings down the proud to show that He is highly exalted (Genesis 11:6).

Exodus 15

Isaiah 2:11, 17, 21 *The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.... The pride of man will be humbled And the loftiness of men will be abased; And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.... Go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.*

2. God brings down the proud because they rise up against Him (Genesis 11:4).

Exodus 15:7

Psalm 75:4-7 *"I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn; ⁵ Do not lift up your horn on high, Do not speak with insolent pride.'" ⁶ For not from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the desert comes exaltation; ⁷ But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.*

Psalm 31:23 *The LORD ... abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.*

Psalm 94:2 (ESV) *Rise up, O judge of the earth; repay to the proud what they deserve!*

Isaiah 13:11 *Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.*

3. God brings down the proud to demonstrate that they need Him (Genesis 11:1-4).

Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God (James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6)

1 Kings 14:7-10 *"Go, say to Jeroboam, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel ... and [you] have cast Me behind your back-- therefore ... I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.""*

Matthew 23:1-12

Luke 14:1, 7-11

2 Samuel 22:28, 47 (Psalm 18:27, 46) *And You save an afflicted people; But Your eyes are on the haughty whom You abase.... The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock of my salvation.*

Psalm 73:3, 17-18, 25-28 *I was envious of the arrogant ... Then I perceived their end. Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. ... Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ... As for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.*

Leviticus 26:17-20 *'I will set My face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. ¹⁸ 'If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. ¹⁹ 'I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰ 'Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit.'*

4. God exalts those who humble themselves (Gen. 12:1-4).

Proverbs 16:18-20

a. What does it mean to humble yourself?

James 4:6, 10

1 Peter 5:5-6

Proverbs 16:20

Isaiah 66:2 *to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

Luke 18:13