

e. **The responsibility to walk in daily dependence upon Him: *we forget Him.***

Obadiah 1:3 *The arrogance of your heart has deceived you, You who live in the clefts of the rock, In the loftiness of your dwelling place, Who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to earth?'*

Psalms 20:7 *some boast in chariots and some in horses*

Psalms 49:6 *those who trust in their wealth*

Proverbs 27:1 *Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.*

Proverbs 14:16 *A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is arrogant and careless.*

James 4:13-16 *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.*

Hosea 13:4-6 *Yet I have been the LORD your God Since the land of Egypt; And you were not to know any god except Me, for there is no savior besides Me. I cared for you in the wilderness, In the land of drought. As they had their pasture, they became satisfied, and being satisfied, their heart became proud; therefore they forgot Me.*

**Broken Week 36
Rejecting Dependence (Pride, Part 1)**

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

We accept the exaltation from God, then reject the responsibility that comes with it.

1. We reject the responsibility to be dependent upon God.

a. The responsibility to recognize His place as the Most High: *we rise up against Him.*

Genesis 11:4-6

2 Kings 19:22 *Whom have you [Sennacherib, King of Assyria] reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised your voice, And haughtily lifted up your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel!*

Isaiah 10: 15 *Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it? Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it? That would be like a club wielding those who lift it, Or like a rod lifting him who is not wood.*

Isaiah 14:13 *But you [King of Babylon] said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God"*

Ezekiel 31:10 *[Assyria] is high in stature and has set its top among the clouds, and its heart is haughty in its loftiness*

Daniel 7:8 *another horn, a little one, came up ... [with] a mouth uttering great boasts. Daniel 8:11 [a small horn] magnified itself to be equal with the Commander of the host Daniel 11:12, 36 [the King of the South's] heart will be lifted up ... the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods.*

Revelation 13:5 *There was given to [the beast] a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies*

Numbers 15:30 *But the person who does anything defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.*

b. The responsibility to receive all truth from Him: *we view ourselves as the source of truth.*

1 Timothy 6:3-4 *If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words...*

c. The responsibility to receive righteousness from Him: *we seek to establish our own righteousness.*

Romans 3:27 *Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

1 Corinthians 1:28-29 (ESV) *God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

d. The responsibility to think soberly about ourselves: *we think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think.*

Romans 12:3 (ESV) *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

Isaiah 2:22 *Stop regarding man, whose breath of life is in his nostrils; For why should he be esteemed?*

“People make themselves gods by giving themselves center stage and glorifying their importance. They tend to measure everything by how it is related to or how it affects them—not how it affects God. They are important, their pleasure and desires are paramount, and everything is judged by their self-created standards. This needs to stop. If anything is to change in Judah, there must be an accurate appraisal of the status of mankind. People are actually very transitory, like a breath of air. They come to and depart from the earth in a relatively short time, and the contribution of each individual is relatively unimportant when one looks at things from the perspective of eternity (cf. Eccl 1:1–11). If the people in Isaiah’s audience would quit regarding themselves so highly, there would be a potential opportunity to remove pride and adopt God’s view of humanity. This admonition is applicable to people in every culture and every time period, for all people tend to be self-centered rather than God centered.” (Smith, G. V. (2007). *Isaiah 1–39*. (E. R. Clendenen, Ed.). Nashville: B & H Publishing Group.)

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 *Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law. ... It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left.*

Romans 12:16 *Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.*

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;*

