

Pride: It's Danger and Deliverance, Part 2
Short Books With Powerful Messages
Obadiah

1. The Description of Pride, v.1-4

- A Definition: Pride is a self-centered swagger with a HYPER-DESIRE for attention. The proud is focused on self: “look what I can do, look at who I am.” A proud person sees himself as self-important, and therefore is self-indulgent, and SELF-SUFFICIENT.

2. The Destruction of Pride, v.5-9

Proverbs 18:12; Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

Proverbs 11:2; When pride cometh, then cometh shame.

Proverbs 13:10: Only by pride cometh contention.

Proverbs 16:18: Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 28:25: He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife.

- Pride destroys a nations and an individuals:

- A. WEALTH, v.5-6
- B. WISDOM, v.7,8
- C. WARRIOR-SPIRIT, v.9.

3. The Downward Spiral of Pride, v.10-15

- Their pride led them to do what they should NOT have done although they thought they were in the absolute right. This phrase is repeated seven times: **“You should not”** have done that!

A proud person:

- A. REJOICES in others distress, v.10-12
- B. STEALS from others in their calamity, v.13
- C. KILLS those seeking to survive, v.14a
- D. TAKES REVENGE on those seeking peace, v.14b

4. The Deliverance from Pride, v.17-21

- A. Look to JESUS, v.17a
- B. Possess Your POSSESSIONS, v.17b-20
- C. Labor for His KINGDOM, v.21