

PRIDE

Daily Meditation – Monday October 20, 2025

Wisdom literature informs us, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Pr. 16:18).¹

When I think of pride, sometimes, I think of the following verses, “Moreover, the Lord said, ‘Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, and go along with mincing steps, and tinkle the bangles on their feet, therefore the Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, and the Lord will make their foreheads bare.’ In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments, dangling earrings, bracelets, veils, headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets, finger rings, nose rings, festal robes, outer tunics, cloaks, money purses, hand mirrors, undergarments, turbans, and veils. Now it will come about that instead of sweet perfume there will be putrefaction; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; instead of fine clothes, a donning of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty. Your men will fall by the sword, and your mighty ones in battle. And her gates will lament and mourn; and deserted she will sit on the ground” (Is. 3:16-26).

The problem, of course, is in the heart. Peter writes about this, “And let not your adornment be merely external – braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God” (1 Pet. 3:4). A wife’s attraction must be more than her clothes and hair style, but a gentle and quiet spirit.

King Saul was full of pride. He made serious mistakes but repented with worldly sorrow. This is not true repentance. Jesus made the statement, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me” (Matt. 15:8). Meaning, they are going through the motions and God is looking for sincerity.

SCRIPTURE READING: Jer. 50:29-32 / Hab. 2:4-9

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!