

God is Able to Humble Those Who Walk in Pride

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The Bible is filled with accounts of people whose pride is taller than the Tower of Babel, but God mowed them down like blades of grass.

Lucifer was the most exalted angel in heaven before the world was created. His very name meant “shining star.” Yet like some of our movie, television, and rock “stars,” Lucifer let it go to his head.

Isaiah reports that he competed with God for heaven's throne, and in punishment he was hurled down to the pit of hell (Isa. 14:12-15). Now we know him by the name of Satan, but if he dared tell us the truth, we would hear him bear witness that God is able to humble those who walk in pride.

When the nation of Israel was enslaved in Egypt, Moses asked pharaoh for permission to lead God's people into the wilderness to worship him. But Pharaoh replied, “Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and besides, I will not let Israel go” (Exod. 5:2).

God afflicted Pharaoh with ten plagues to teach him submission, but each time the stubborn king hardened his heart. Finally God lured him into driving his chariot across a dry Red Sea, only to close the sea on him like the two covers of a book being snapped together. When Pharaoh's corpse washed up on the shore, Moses and his people were assured that God is able to humble people who walk in pride.

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