

SHOW ME YOUR WAYS

PSALM 25:4-5

Humbling The Proud

Daniel 4:1-37 (NIV)

God humbles the proud and exalts the humble.

1. **NOBODY** is outside of the sovereign rule of God — not even **PROUD**, powerful rulers
 - God controls all things and all people and He can change the heart of the hardest critic and most powerful authorities
 - God will stop at nothing to show His people that no one or nothing is outside of His sovereign control
2. God will **HUMBLE** the proud
 - Pride **ELEVATES** our status and **LOWERS** God's status
 - *“According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind... it is Pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began.”* – C.S. Lewis
 - Worldly pride is a belief in the lie of **SELF-SUFFICIENCY** and **SELF-RELIANCE**
 - Religious pride is the belief that you **EARNED** your standing with God
 - God is willing to bring you to the **END** of yourself so you can come to the **BEGINNING** of Him
 - It can't be Jesus **PLUS** anything
3. God will **EXALT** “The Humble”
 - Biblical Humility is:
 - A tangible sense of **SUBORDINATION** to God
 - It asserts **TRUTH**, not to bolster ego, but as a service to Christ and love for your adversary
 - It knows it is dependent on **GRACE** for everything
 - It is **TEACHABLE**
 - **James 4:10 (ESV)** *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*
 - This exaltation is a **SPIRITUAL** exaltation
 - The Lord will clothe you in righteousness, He will draw near to you, He will give you comfort and peace, and He will prepare a place for you in His eternal house
 - God's perfect example was in the exaltation of **JESUS**, *THE* Humble One
 - **Philippians 2: 5-9:** *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.*
 - God gives us a choice: humble **YOURSELF** or allow God to humble you.
 - **1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)** *Humble YOURSELVES, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.*