

Majoring in the Minors

Week 4 outline

7-13-25

Obadiah 1:1-21

Pride and Humility

I. Obadiah Cheat Sheet

- A. Lived: 587BC (ish!)
- B. Main theme: God's response to those who hurt His kids
- C. Written to: "Proud" nation of Edom
- D. Edom: blood relatives to Judah, descendants of Jacob and Esau
- E. Edom's Sins:
 - 1. Commission
 - 2. Omission
- F. Mega Themes: Pride, Justice, Humility

II. The book of Obadiah

- A. Shortest in OT
- B. Let's read the whole thing! (Obadiah 1:1-21)

III. Edom's Pride

Safety in high position
Self-reliance
Wealth
Allies
Wisdom

God's Response

Cause to plummet (vs. 3)
God will Humble (vs. 4)
Thieves will come and steal (vs. 5-6)
Turn allies to enemies (vs. 7)
Wise men destroyed and made foolish (vs. 8-9)

IV. Pride and Humility

- A. A feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements
- B. Is all pride bad?
- C. Unchecked pride leads to an "Inward Mindset"
- D. The first sin ever was pride (by Satan)
- E. Pride ALWAYS brings the attention back to us
- F. Humility is the antidote to pride (a fragrant aroma (vs. the stench of pride))
- G. As followers of Jesus we are called to be humble

V. Two Mindsets

- A. Mindset of Pride
 - 1. rooted in self importance
 - 2. says "i need the credit", "I don't need any help" and "I'm better than you!"
 - 3. Makes ME the center of everything
 - 4. prioritizes being right over being whole
- B. Mindset of Humility
 - 1. Reframes our situations from a focus on us to a focus on "them"
 - 2. Approaches relationships with empathy, curiosity, and honor
 - 3. Embraces discipline
 - 4. Enables spiritual growth and relational healing

VI. Practical Steps to Overcome Pride

- A. Be Self-Aware
- B. Pray
- C. Be in community
- D. Trust God's Sovereignty
- E. Serve
- F. Practice Gratitude

1 Peter 5:6 - Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time,