



Pride and Mercy

Psalm 19:13-14

*As I am your servant, protect me from my bent toward pride,
And keep sin from ruling my life.
If you do this, I will be without blame,
Innocent of the great breach.
May the words that come out of my mouth and the musing of my heart
meet with Your gracious approval.
O Eternal One, my Rock,
O Eternal One, my Redeemer.*

Have you ever found yourself exaggerating when talking about yourself more than the reality? The biggest source of despair in my heart is pride, which still exists within me. I am prayerfully watching it so that it does not consume me. The most beautiful angel Lucifer wanted to become God but instead fell from heaven. Adam and Eve desired to be like God and as a result, they were banished from paradise. We are their descendants. The deep-rooted pride of wanting to appear glorious is difficult to overcome on our own. We need the strong protection of God. We are beings who need the grace and mercy of God. Pride can deceive us in an instant, taking control of us. The power of deception related to pride is both subtle and formidable, hiding itself even deeper than our own consciousness.

David is praying for the same thing, “Protect me from my tendency towards pride.” We are grateful that God gives us hope through Jesus! We are chosen and redeemed sons and daughters of God in Jesus. God holds our hands and guides us gently and lovingly. If one area improves, God then points out another area I need to work on with Him. God is constantly working in our hearts. The power of Jesus' blood will perfect us in every way, making us more like Him. The victory of the cross lives within us. Victory means focusing on the glory and joy that lies ahead. Those who hold onto this hope will be purified like gold. This is God's promise to us. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

Peace and joy,

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