



Pure In Heart (3)
Victory Over Pride

THE BEATITUDES (9)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8

- * the need for a new heart**
- * the need to guard our heart**
- * the need to keep our heart pure**

7. And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: The words of the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.
8. I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.
9. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and they will learn that I have loved you.

Revelation 3:7-9

10. Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
11. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.
12. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.
13. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:10-13

14. And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
The words of the Amen, the faithful and true
witness, the beginning of God's creation.
15. I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.
Would that you were either cold or hot!
16. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot
nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

Revelation 3:14-16

17. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
18. I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.
19. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Revelation 3:17-19

20. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.
21. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with Me on My throne, as I also conquered and sat down with My Father on His throne.
22. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 3:20-22

For it is time for judgment to
begin at the household of God.

1 Peter 4:17

The Sin of Pride

The issue of pride – the subtle sin that will prevent the Holy Spirit from empowering us and causing us to shine for Jesus and do the supernatural works to which He is calling His Church in this late hour.

The more we identify and remove pride from our lives, the more Jesus will be seen in us and the more the Person of the Holy Spirit will be made manifest within us, to do the works He has planned for each of His people.

12. How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!
13. But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.
14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.
15. Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

Isaiah 14:12-15

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but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6

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Revelation 3:19 & 21

Jesus was victorious over the sin of pride when He vanquished ALL sin at the cross. And for those who abide and dwell IN Jesus, we too can appropriate this victory and make this victory ours. So the **DO** in the Beatitude is that we need to correctly recognise pride in our own lives and then deal with it through proper repentance. Be humble before our God. Walk and continue to walk humbly before the Lord each time we are tempted by it.

Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink. And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:6

8. Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and **tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water**. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.
9. And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as He commanded him.
10. Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?"

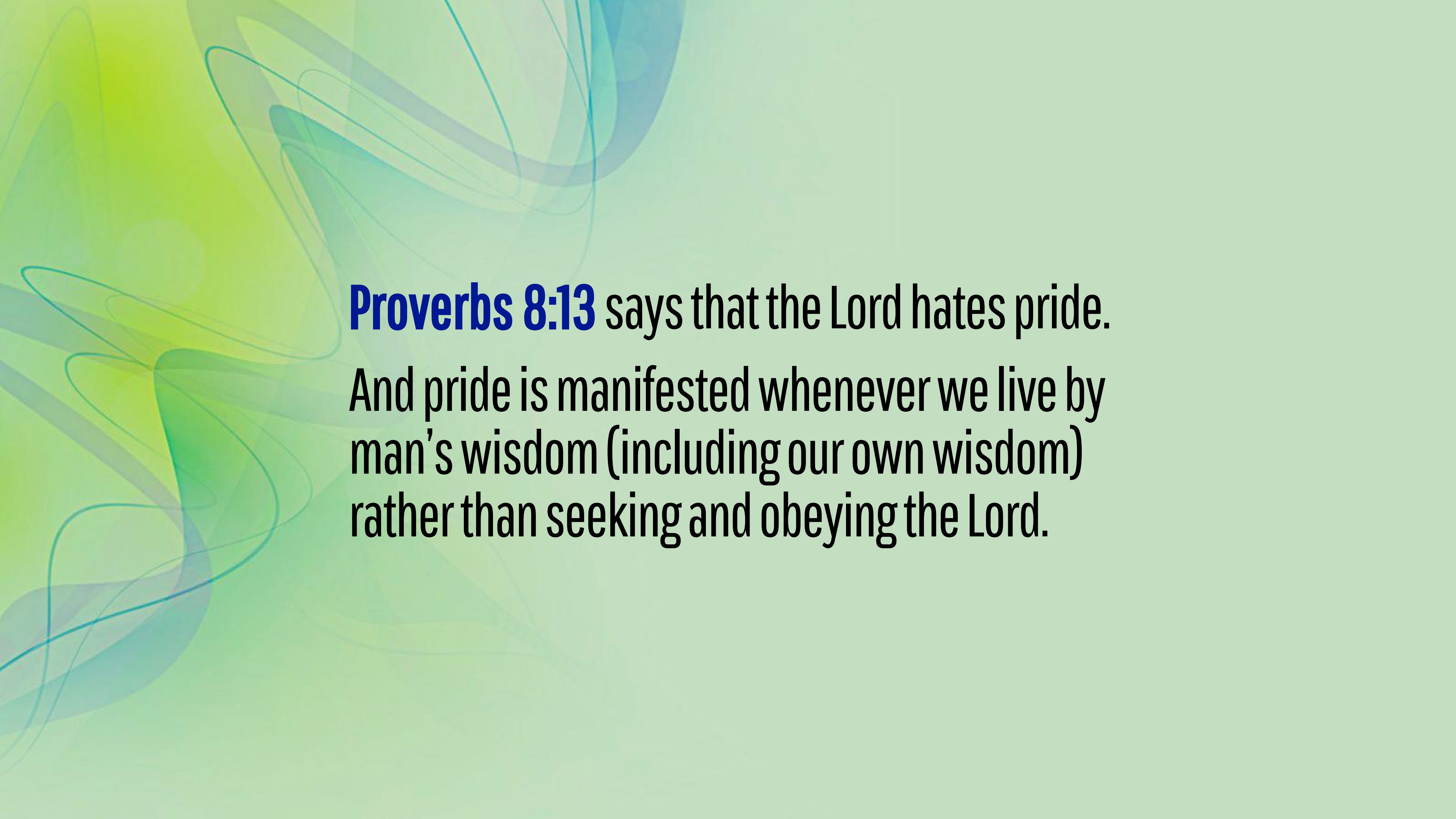
Numbers 20:8-10

11. And Moses lifted up his hand and **struck the rock** with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock.
12. And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in Me, to uphold Me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore **you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.**”

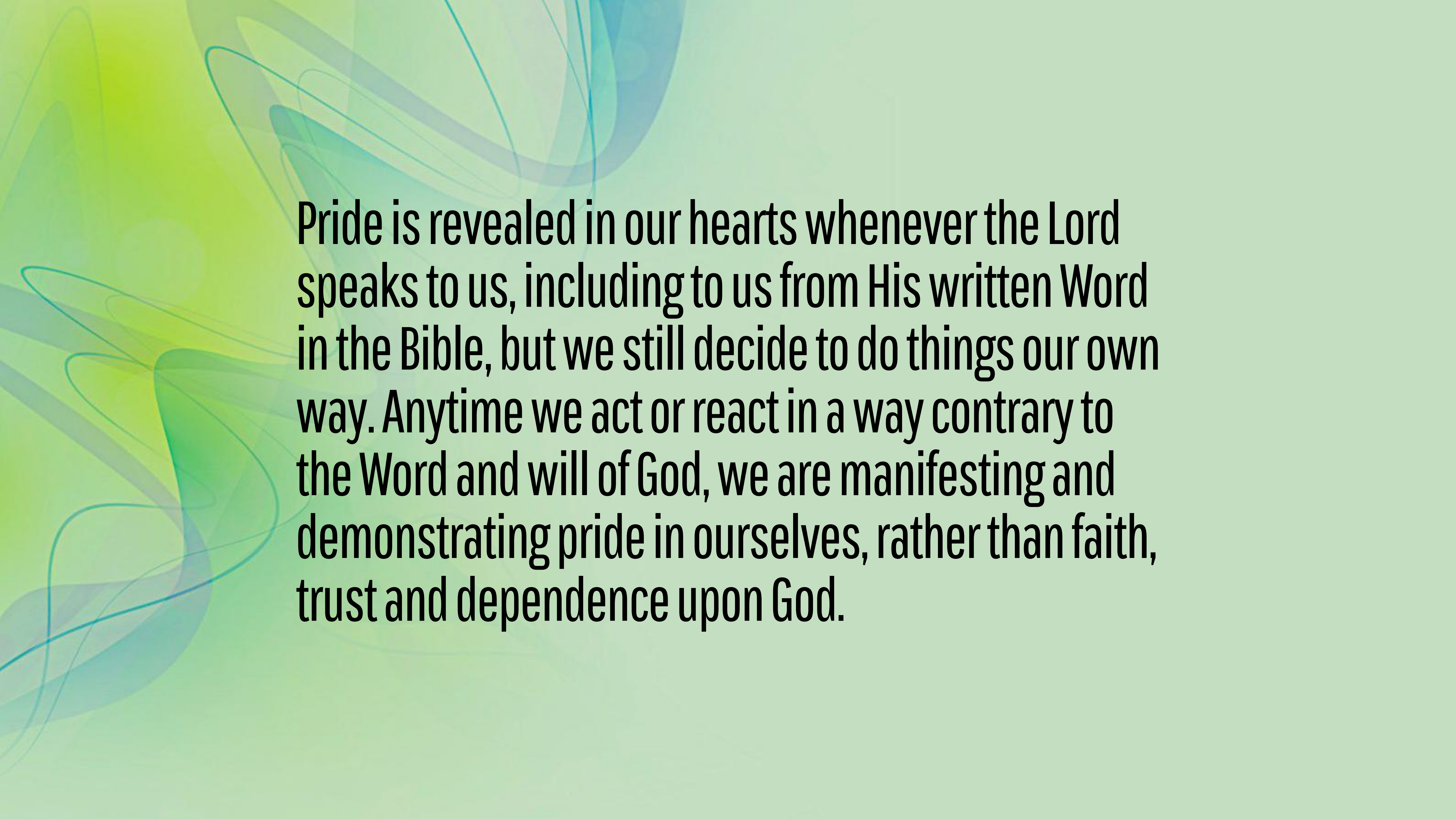
Numbers 20:11-12

I believe this is what the Lord is saying to us, the Church today:
“Remove all pride and humble yourself before Me. Trust Me, obey Me, uphold Me as Holy, tell the world I am Holy, and I will empower you to lead them into that which I have promised them.”

If we walk humbly before the Lord in the absence of pride, and call Him Holy before the people of this nation, I believe we, collectively as a body like the Church of Philadelphia described in Revelation, will be part of His end gathering and revival.



Proverbs 8:13 says that the Lord hates pride.
And pride is manifested whenever we live by
man's wisdom (including our own wisdom)
rather than seeking and obeying the Lord.

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Pride is revealed in our hearts whenever the Lord speaks to us, including to us from His written Word in the Bible, but we still decide to do things our own way. Anytime we act or react in a way contrary to the Word and will of God, we are manifesting and demonstrating pride in ourselves, rather than faith, trust and dependence upon God.

God does not call the equipped, He equips the called

- * He likes to train His saints on the job.
- * Time is probably too short for full vocational training.
- * All He is looking for is **yielded vessels** who are prepared to walk before Him in humble obedience, no matter what He is asking.

God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:6

- * Pride is a sin from which no one is immune.**
- * Pride shows itself in a believer whenever we get our feelings hurt.**
- * Whenever things don't quite go as we expect.**
- * When we don't receive something we were genuinely entitled to (in the purest sense).**
- * When someone lies or slanders us and we are deeply but unduly grieved (offended)**

- * When we seem unable to forgive someone.
- * When we are unable to let go of an historical account but keep playing it over and over in our minds.
- * When we become angry because someone is not doing what we tell them.
- * When we become unduly frustrated because someone is not taking our advice.

3. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.
4. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.
5. You must have the same [humble] attitude that Christ Jesus had.
6. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
7. Instead, He gave up his divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave.”

Philippians 2:3-7

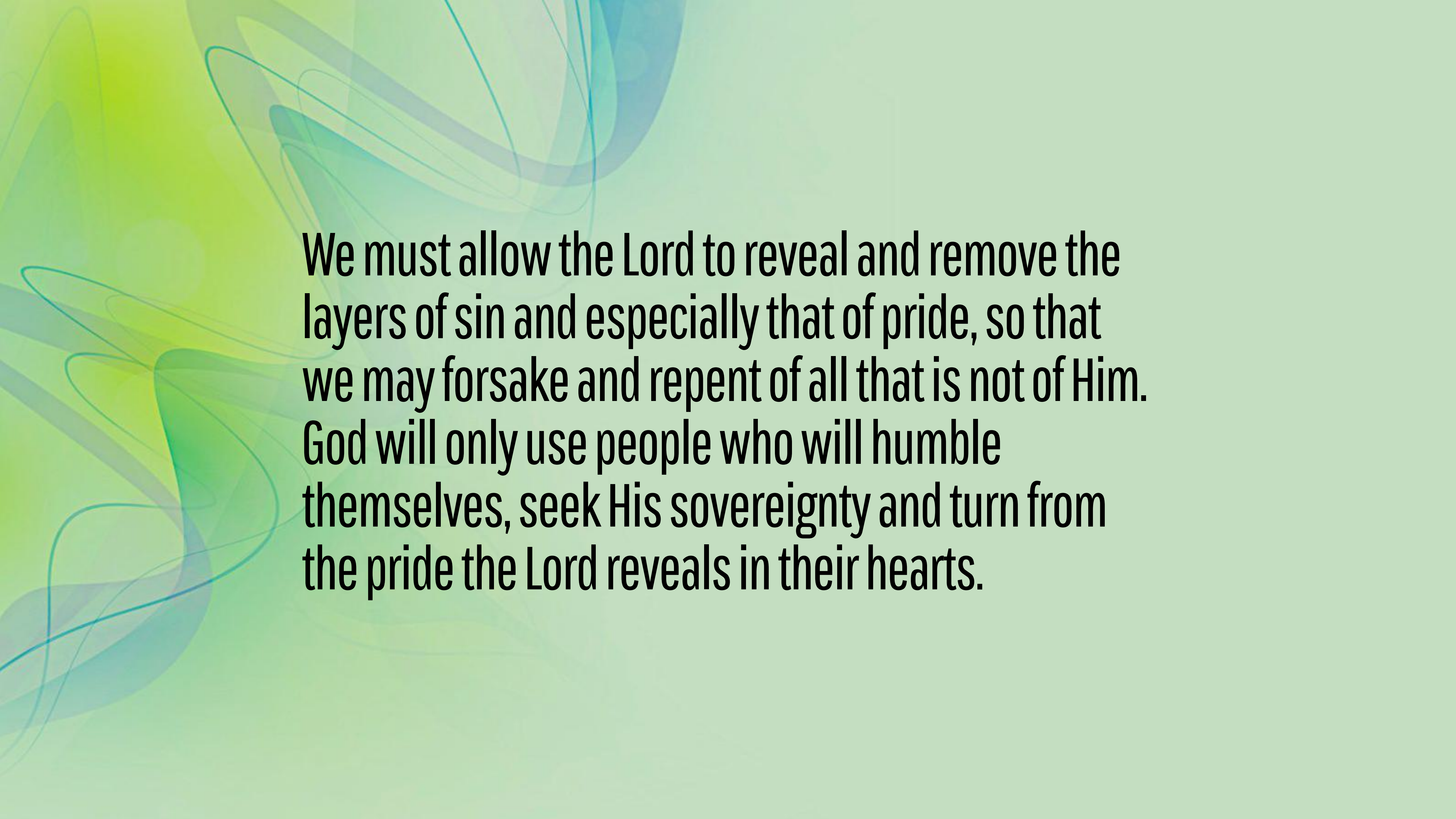
- * We need to pray that **each of us** would walk humbly before the Lord with a contrite and humble heart.
- * We need to continue praying that none of us would become ensnared by the subtle sin of pride and be disqualified from being part of His end time harvest.
- * We should commit to pray for each other that the Lord will have His way in each of our hearts, and this includes avoiding the trap of pride, and pray that none of us, or those we love, would ever be overtaken by pride.

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

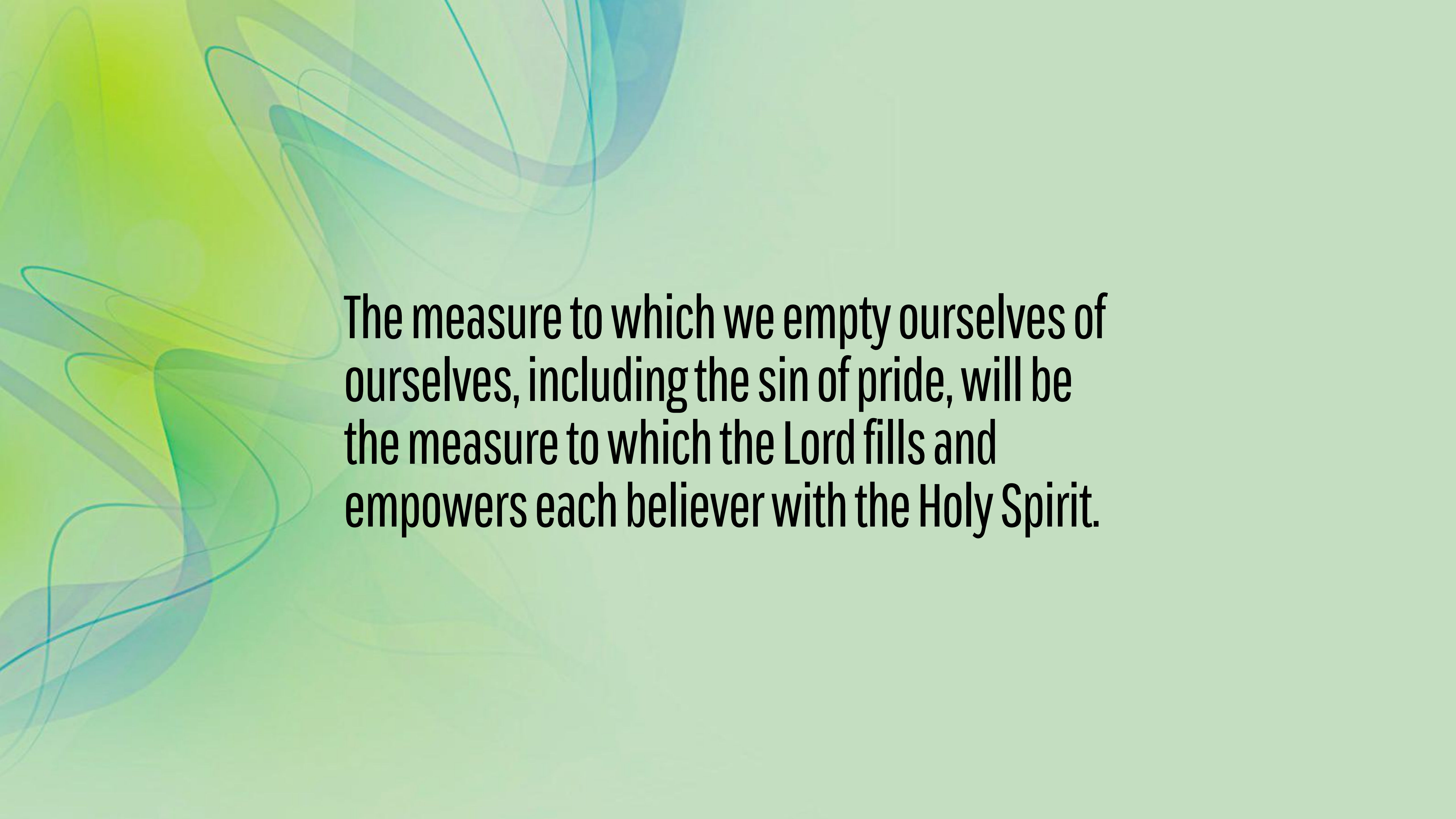
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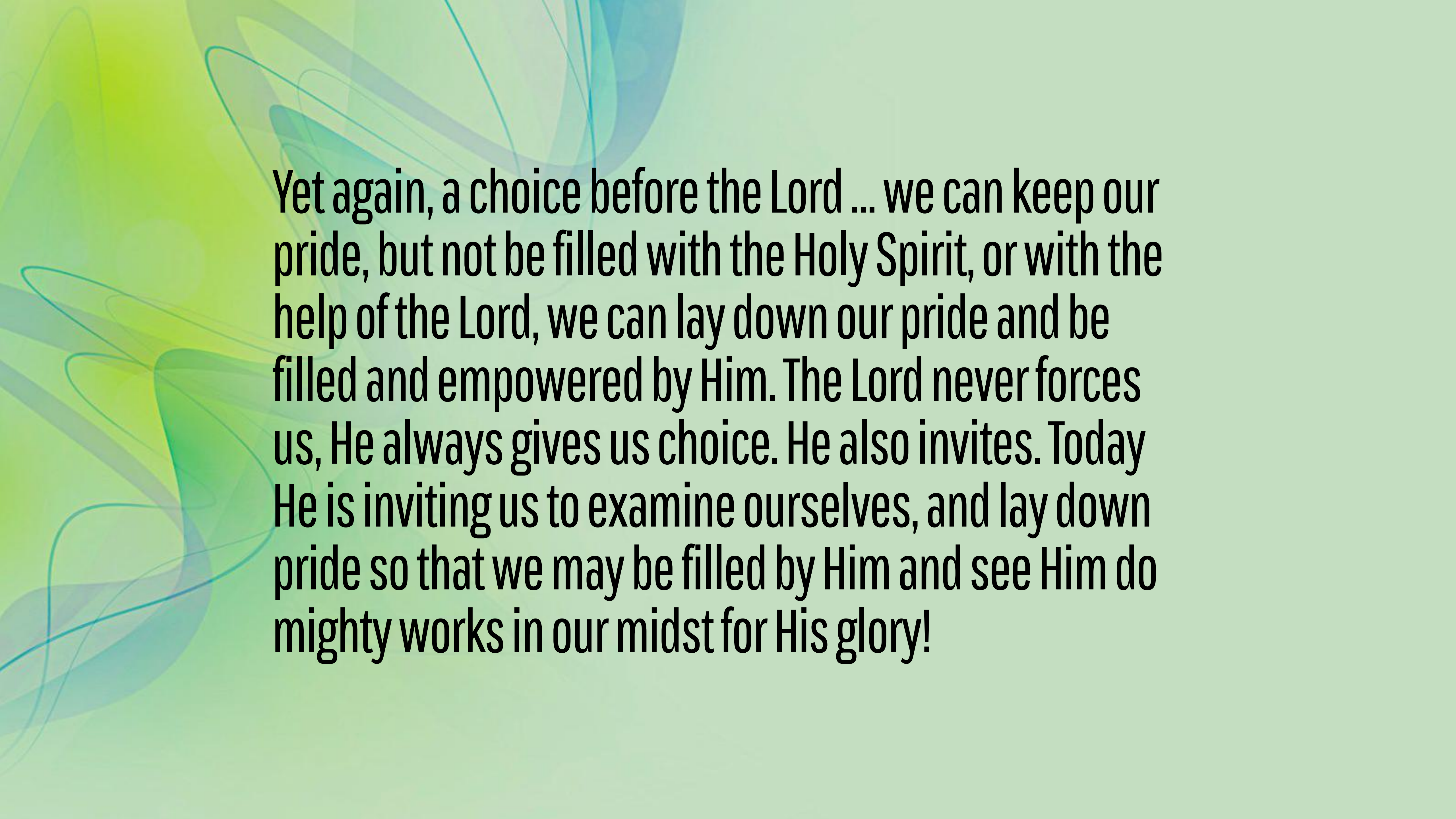
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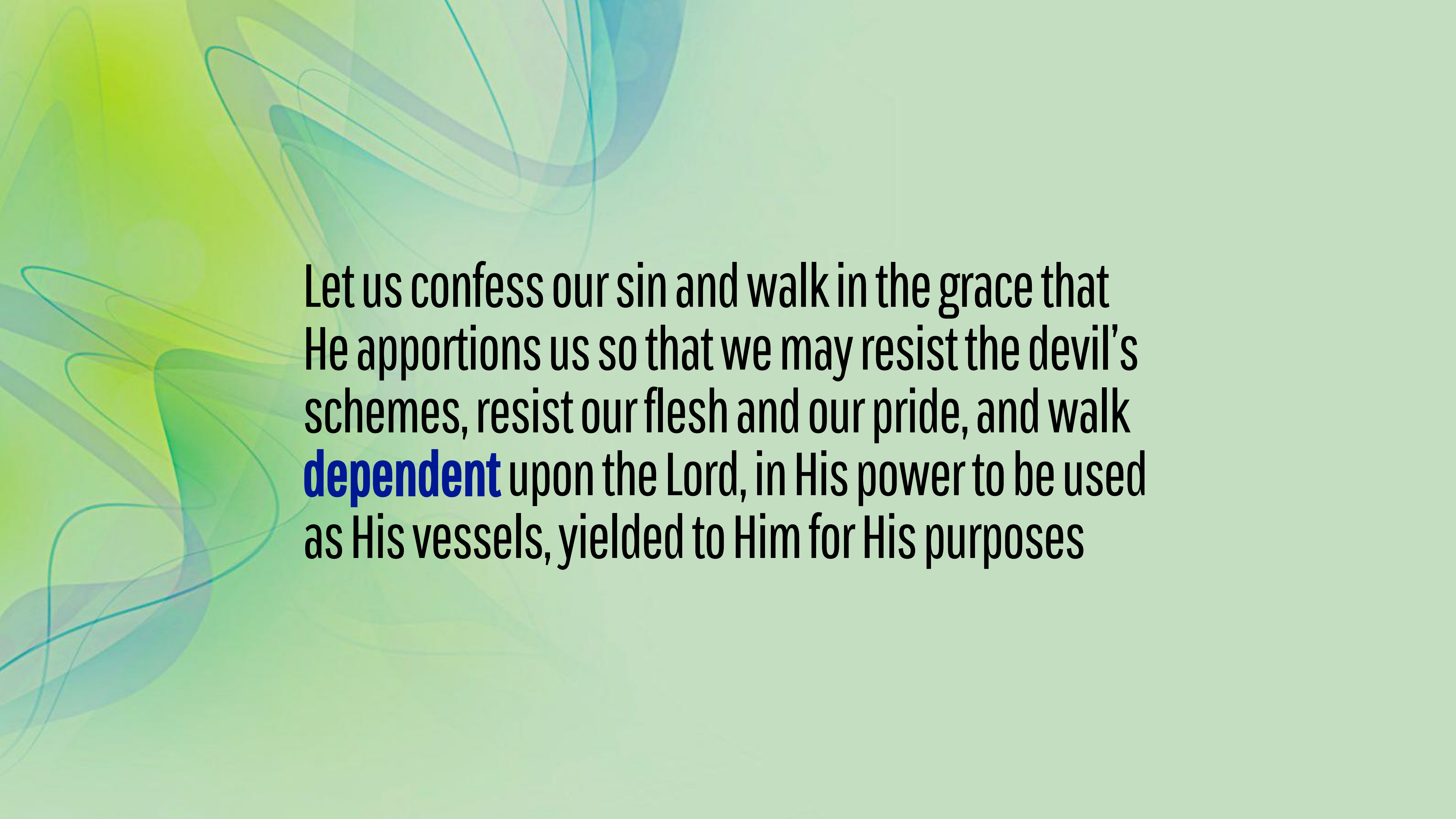
We must allow the Lord to reveal and remove the layers of sin and especially that of pride, so that we may forsake and repent of all that is not of Him. God will only use people who will humble themselves, seek His sovereignty and turn from the pride the Lord reveals in their hearts.



The measure to which we empty ourselves of ourselves, including the sin of pride, will be the measure to which the Lord fills and empowers each believer with the Holy Spirit.



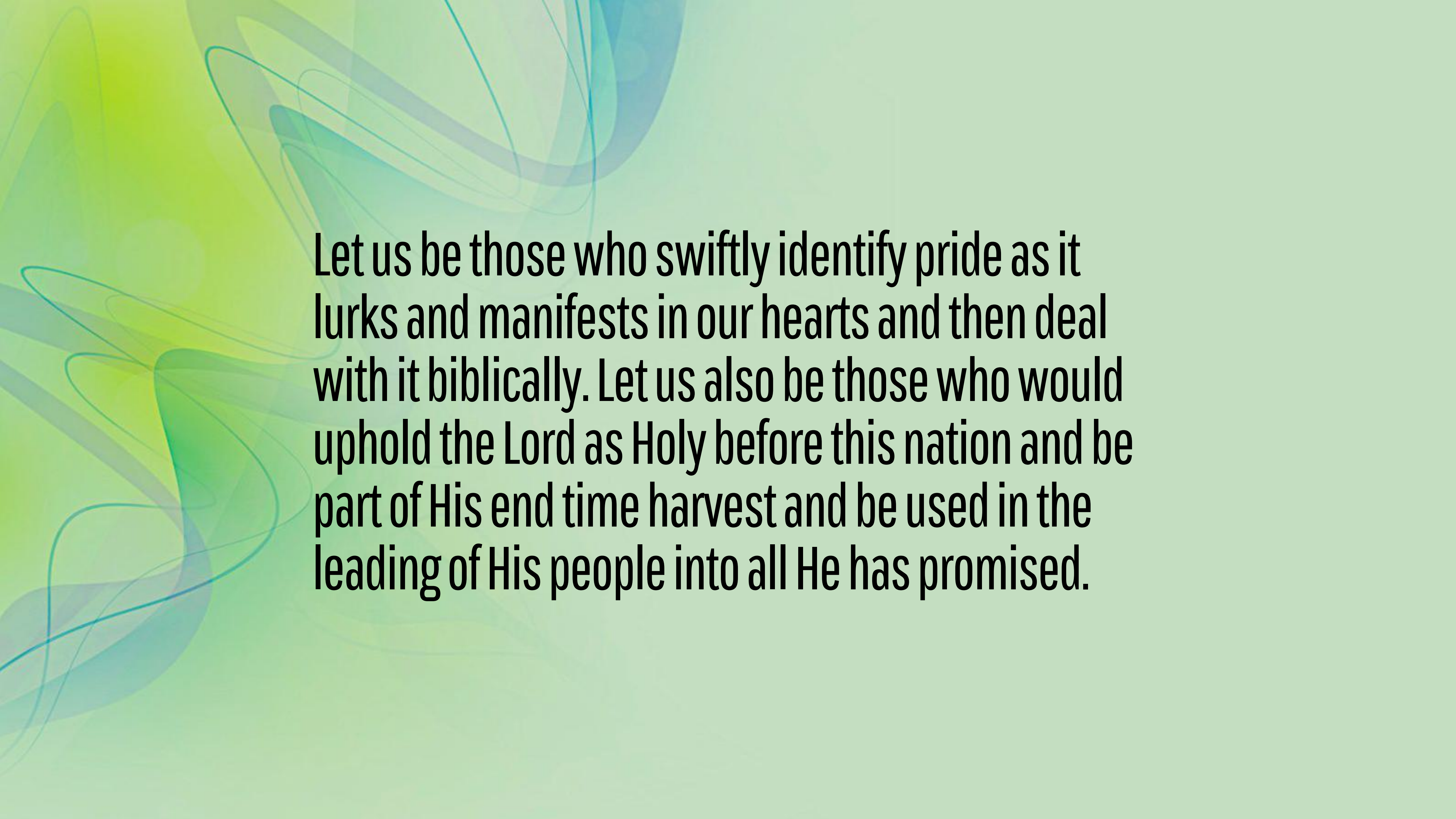
Yet again, a choice before the Lord ... we can keep our pride, but not be filled with the Holy Spirit, or with the help of the Lord, we can lay down our pride and be filled and empowered by Him. The Lord never forces us, He always gives us choice. He also invites. Today He is inviting us to examine ourselves, and lay down pride so that we may be filled by Him and see Him do mighty works in our midst for His glory!



Let us confess our sin and walk in the grace that He apportions us so that we may resist the devil's schemes, resist our flesh and our pride, and walk **dependent** upon the Lord, in His power to be used as His vessels, yielded to Him for His purposes

Let us also lay aside every encumbrance
and the sin which so easily entangles
us, and let us run with endurance the
race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1



Let us be those who swiftly identify pride as it lurks and manifests in our hearts and then deal with it biblically. Let us also be those who would uphold the Lord as Holy before this nation and be part of His end time harvest and be used in the leading of His people into all He has promised.