

Week 1 Obadiah 1:1-9

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Summary

Behold Our God (Obadiah 1 : 1 – 9)

Big Idea: When God is seen in His true greatness, human pride is unmasked and God Himself will bring the proud low.

Overview

Opening the short book of Obadiah, the pastor traced the ancient feud between Jacob and Esau to show how the nation of Edom grew arrogant, opposed God's people, and finally faced divine judgment. In Obadiah's first nine verses the Lord unveils a heavenly “war council,” announcing that He will summon the nations to overthrow Edom. Their mountain fortresses, alliances, wisdom, and wealth cannot save them, for pride has deceived their hearts. The message urges believers today to behold the majesty of God, recognize the subtlety of pride, and live humbly under His sovereign rule.

Key Scripture

- **Obadiah 1:1-9** — the foundation of the whole message: God exposes Edom's pride and decrees their fall.
 - **Isaiah 55:8-9** — the theological anchor: God's thoughts and ways are infinitely higher than ours.
 - **Genesis 25** — the historical backdrop: the prophecy that “the older shall serve the younger” sets Jacob and Esau's lines at odds.
 - **Galatians 6:7** — the sobering principle: whatever a person (or nation) sows, God ensures they reap.
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Main Points

1. God's Greatness (vv. 1-2)

- “The vision of Obadiah” signals that the Almighty graciously discloses His own mind to a prophet.
- In the vision God sits alone on the throne—He needs no advisers, yet commands all nations to rise against Edom.
- True greatness belongs only to the One who raises and topples kingdoms at will; every page of Scripture calls us to stand in awe of Him.

2. Pride Is Deception (vv. 3-4)

- Edom trusted its red-rock cities, eagle-like heights, copper wealth, and trade routes: “Who will bring me down?”
- Such self-confidence springs from the heart and blinds people to reality; like Adam, Edom believed blessing could be secured without God.
- The Lord pinpoints the root: “The pride of your heart has deceived you.”

3. God Humbles the Proud (vv. 5-9)

- Unlike ordinary thieves who leave something behind, God's judgment will strip Edom bare—possessions, allies, wisdom, and warriors.
 - Former friends will betray them; their famed sages and soldiers will be dismayed; their very identity will disappear from history.
 - The lesson: when God is small in our eyes, downfall is certain. When He is exalted, all else finds its proper place.
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Application

The call: Lift your eyes from self-reliance and behold the greatness of the Lord; submit every ambition, fear, and resource to Him.

Head — Acknowledge that every trace of pride begins in the heart and distorts our view of God's supremacy.

Heart — Cultivate holy awe: linger over Scripture passages that display His majesty until worship replaces self-confidence.

Hands

1. Examine one area where you secretly say, “Who can bring me down?” Confess it to God and a trusted believer.
 2. Set aside daily time to “behold” God—reading, praying, or singing about His attributes.
 3. Actively honor Him this week by serving someone you cannot benefit from in return.
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Reflection Questions

1. Where do you most resemble Edom—trusting location, talent, bank account, or relationships for security?
2. How does making God “big” in your thoughts reorder your ambitions and fears?
3. Can you recall a time when pride deceived you? What did God use to humble you?

4. Which attribute of God (holiness, power, love, justice, etc.) do you need to meditate on to counter pride today?
 5. What practical step will you take this week to point someone else to God's greatness?
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Prayer

Majestic Lord, forgive us for the pride that shrinks You in our eyes and enlarges ourselves. Open our hearts to behold Your matchless greatness. Strip away every false security, and teach us to rest in Your sovereign care alone. Fill us with holy awe, humble obedience, and joyful witness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.