

Isaiah 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

This memory verse drives home a very important lesson. This bearer of light, Satan, was laid low and any nation who subjects its people and other nations will eventually be brought down. History is replete with great nations brought down to their knees. Consider Rome, the Ottoman empires, Babylonia and Assyria. At the other extreme, consider we as humans, Adam and Eve if you will.

We had a perfect world (The Garden of Eden) and look what happened. Talking about the son of dawn is not just a figure of speech, but a lesson on pride and ambition but also to shed light on humility. James 4:16 reminds and encourages us to know that God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.

James 4:10 gives the best advice one can live by: "Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up." So, what is pride and what is humility? Pride is having a strong desire to do any will other than God's.

Chip Ingram, a Christian author, in his book *Holy Ambition*: "there is only one center of the universe worthy of all your attention and that center is God. If it is anything other, we are engaging in pride and arrogance. This is not a minor concern of God or a mere dislike. He loathes pride. Humility never exalts itself."