

Daily Devotional, December 5, 2020

'The Folly of Trusting in Man', (Obadiah 1:6-7)

***“Oh, how Esau shall be searched out!
How his hidden treasures shall be sought after!
All the men in your confederacy
Shall force you to the border;
The men at peace with you
Shall deceive you and prevail against you.
Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you.
No one is aware of it.”*** (Obadiah 1:6-7)

The Lord was not happy with Esau (national Edom). That nation had been filled with pride. She relied on two things—her own power and her diplomatic alliances with some of the surrounding nations, the “**confederacy**.” God was about to teach Esau a lesson and bring the nation low. She had failed to heed the divine warnings along the lines of the Psalmist. “**Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish**” (Psalm 146:3-4). The only thing that was going to spare Edom was a wholesale repentance and revival, a return to the God of his brother Israel.

What of you personally? Are there any “**hidden treasures**” in your life that you esteem as idols? Do you tend to put your faith in a political leader, economic security, or even a Christian leader? Know this—all of these will fail at one point or another. The children of the world and even the flawed children of God in whom you have found support and encouragement may turn on you in the blink of an eye. There are few faithful men and women, and even the faithfulness they have is imperfect. Consider the attitude that Jesus had in this regard. “**But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man**” (John 2:24-25). Will you resolve to always place 100% trust in the perfect and faithful Lover and Savior of your soul—God in heaven? “**There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother**” (Proverbs 18:24). And that Friend is Jesus Christ.