

Taking Advantage *for* Others

Obadiah 1-9

The vision of Obadiah.

This is what the **Sovereign LORD** says about Edom—

We have heard a message from the LORD:
An envoy was sent to the nations to say,
“Rise, let us go against her for battle”—

²"See, I will make you small among the nations;
you will be utterly despised.

³The **pride of your heart** has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rocks
and **make your home** on the heights,
you who say to yourself,
'Who can bring me down to the ground?'

⁴Though you soar like the eagle
and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,"
declares the LORD.

Make your home on God's presence.

⁵"If thieves came to you,
if robbers in the night—
oh, what a disaster awaits you!—
would they not steal only as much as they wanted?
If grape pickers came to you,
would they not leave a few grapes?
⁶But how Esau will be **ransacked**,
his **hidden treasures pillaged!**
⁷All your allies will force you to the border;
your friends will deceive and overpower you;
those who eat your bread will set a trap for you,
but you will not detect it.

Make your wealth worth eternally.

⁸“In that day,” declares the LORD,
“will I not destroy the wise men of Edom,
those of understanding in the mountains of Esau?
⁹Your warriors, Teman, will be terrified,
and everyone in Esau’s mountains
will be cut down in the slaughter.

Use your gifts to build others up.

The Sovereign Lord.