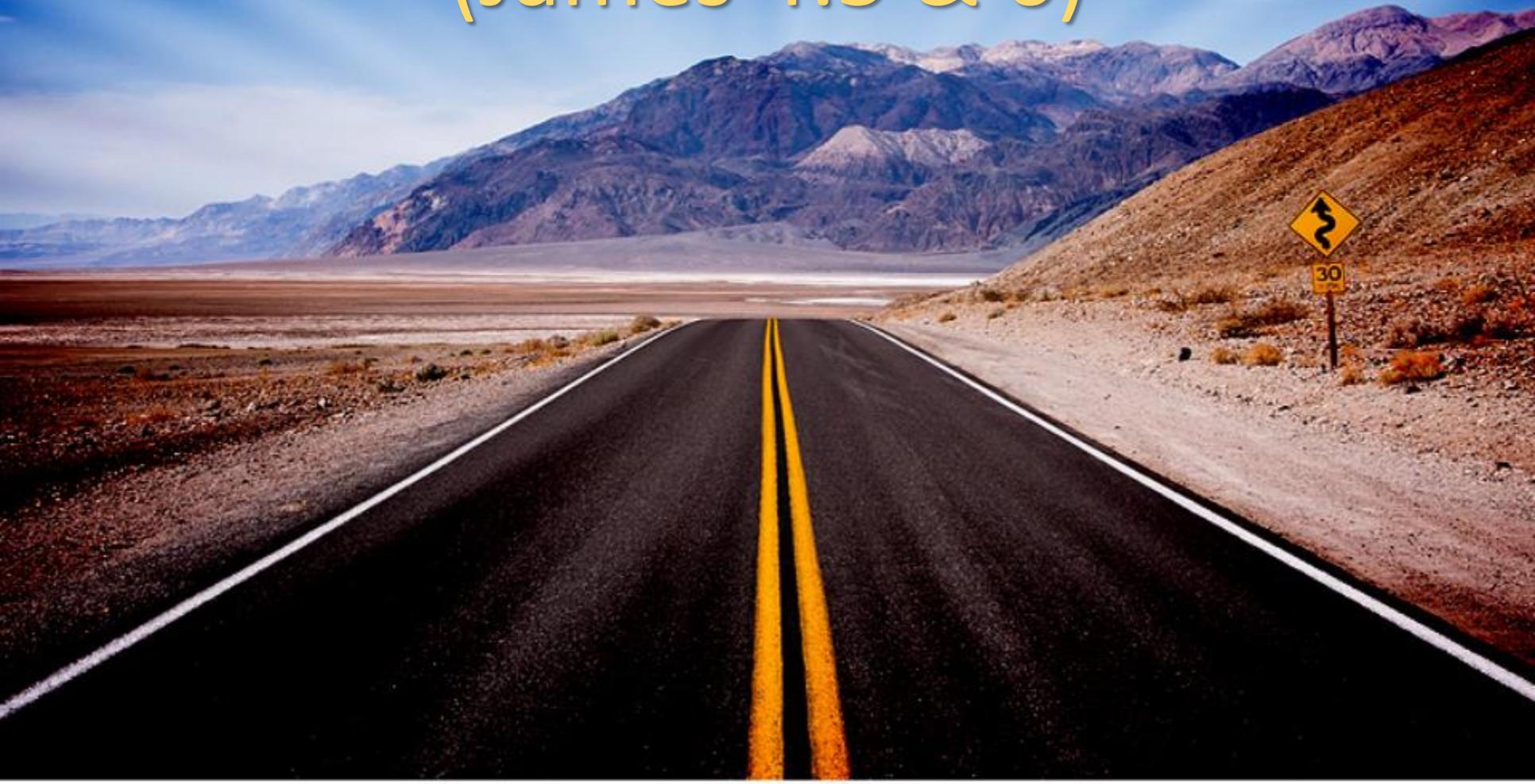


# Road to Repentance

(James 4:5 & 6)





# (Two Reasons for Needed Repentance) -

## I. Ignoring the Scriptures (5).

# Matthew 21:42

42 Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’?”

# 1 Peter 2:6

6 For *this* is contained in Scripture:

“BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

# (Two Reasons for Needed Repentance) -

## I. Ignoring the Scriptures (5).

- Were they “merely hearers?”  
(1:22)

## James 4:5

- 5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”?

## James 4:5

**“...He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us.” – NASV**

**“...He yearns jealously over the Spirit that He has made to dwell in us.” – ESV**

**“....the Spirit that dwells in us lusteth to envy.” - KJV**

## II Corinthians 11:2

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you *as* a pure virgin.

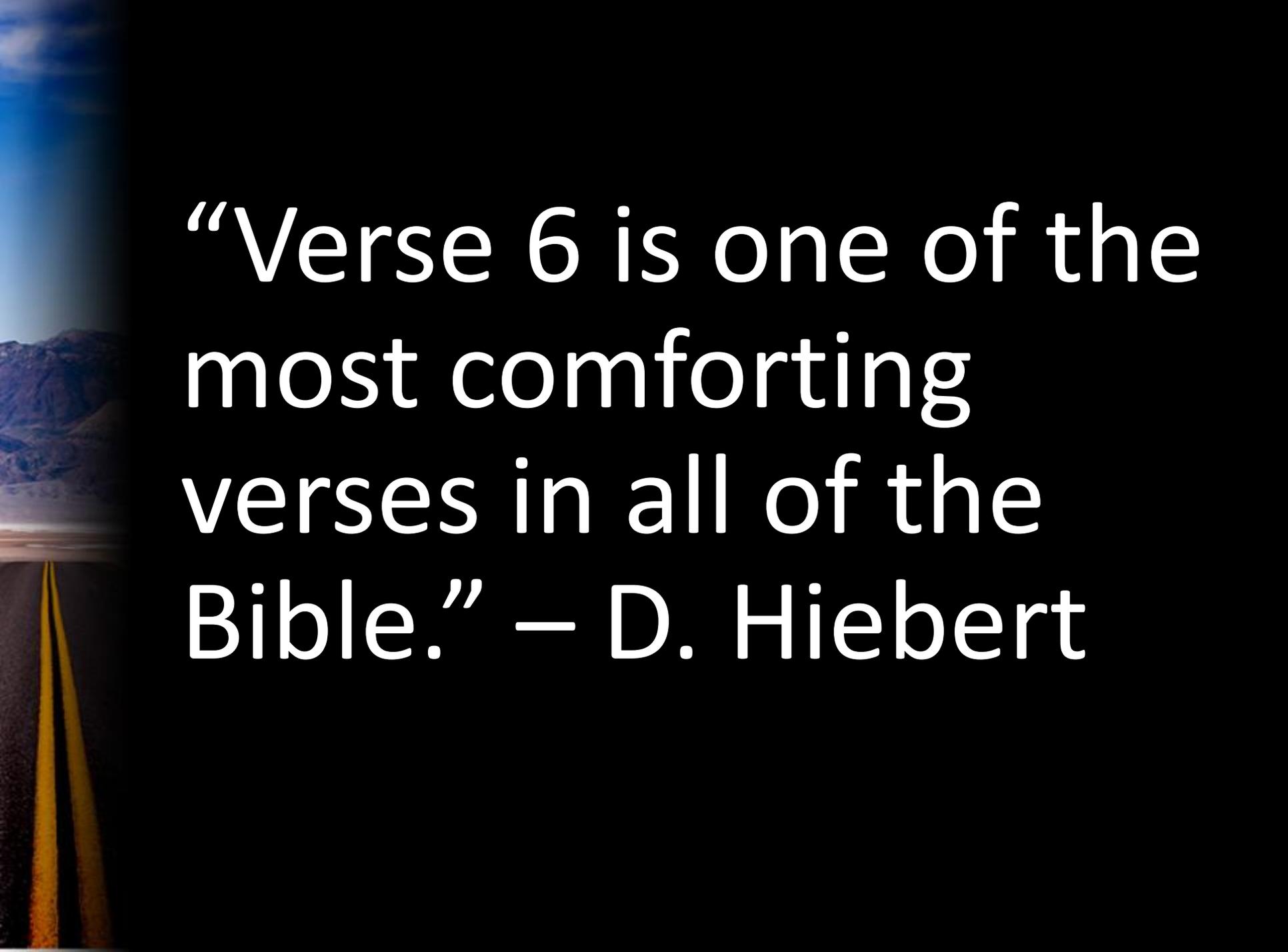
## Titus 3:3

<sup>3</sup> For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.



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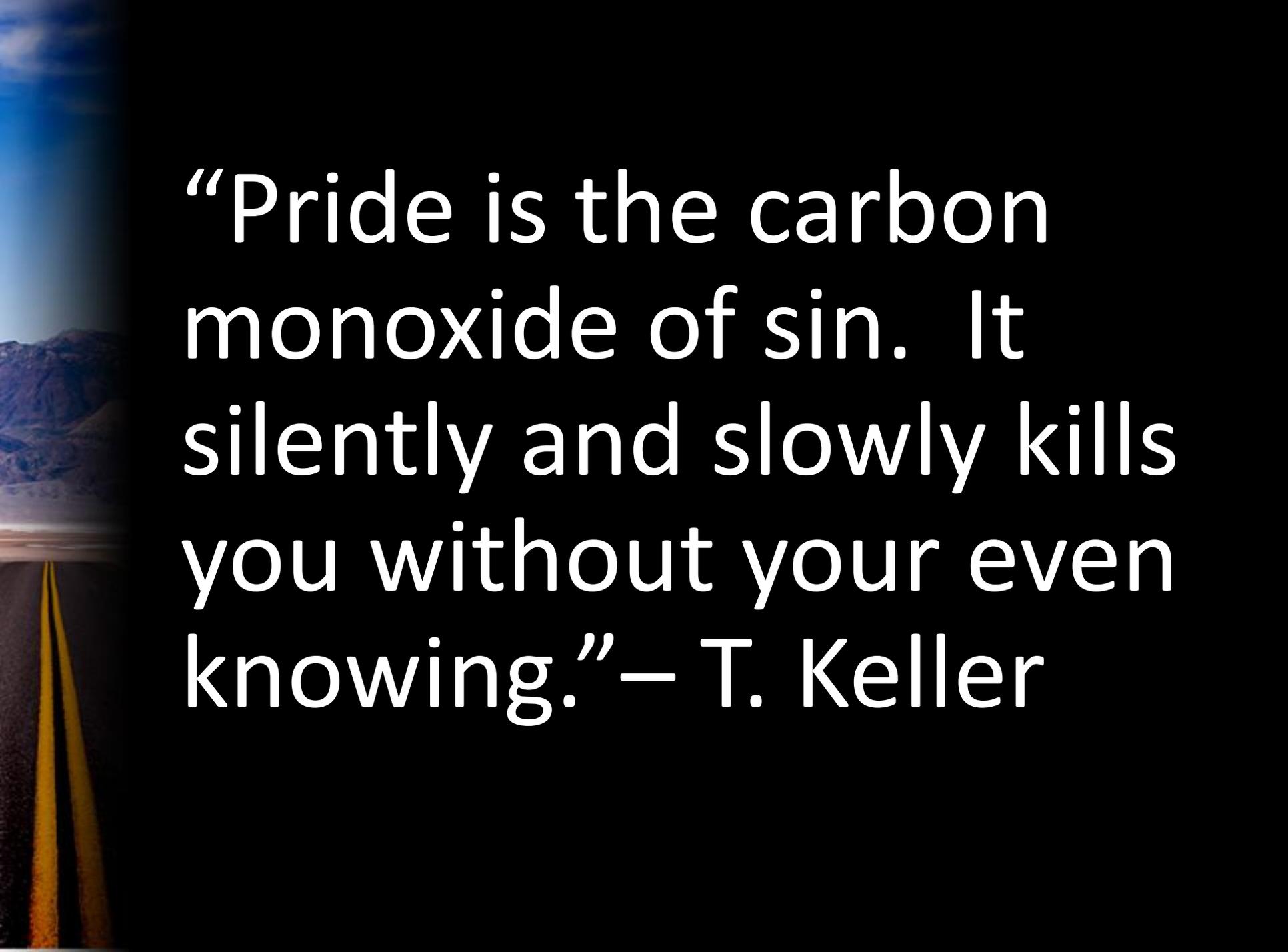
II. Losing the Battle to Pride (6).

A scenic landscape featuring mountains in the background and a road with yellow lines leading towards the horizon under a blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

“Verse 6 is one of the most comforting verses in all of the Bible.” – D. Hiebert

# Proverbs 3:34

34 Though He scoffs at the scoffers, Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.

A scenic landscape with mountains and a sunset or sunrise sky. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The mountains are in the background, and there are some yellowish streaks in the foreground, possibly from a light source or a camera effect.

“Pride is the carbon monoxide of sin. It silently and slowly kills you without your even knowing.” – T. Keller

## Proverbs 8:13

13 “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate.



## Proverbs 11:2a

2a When pride comes, then  
comes dishonor,

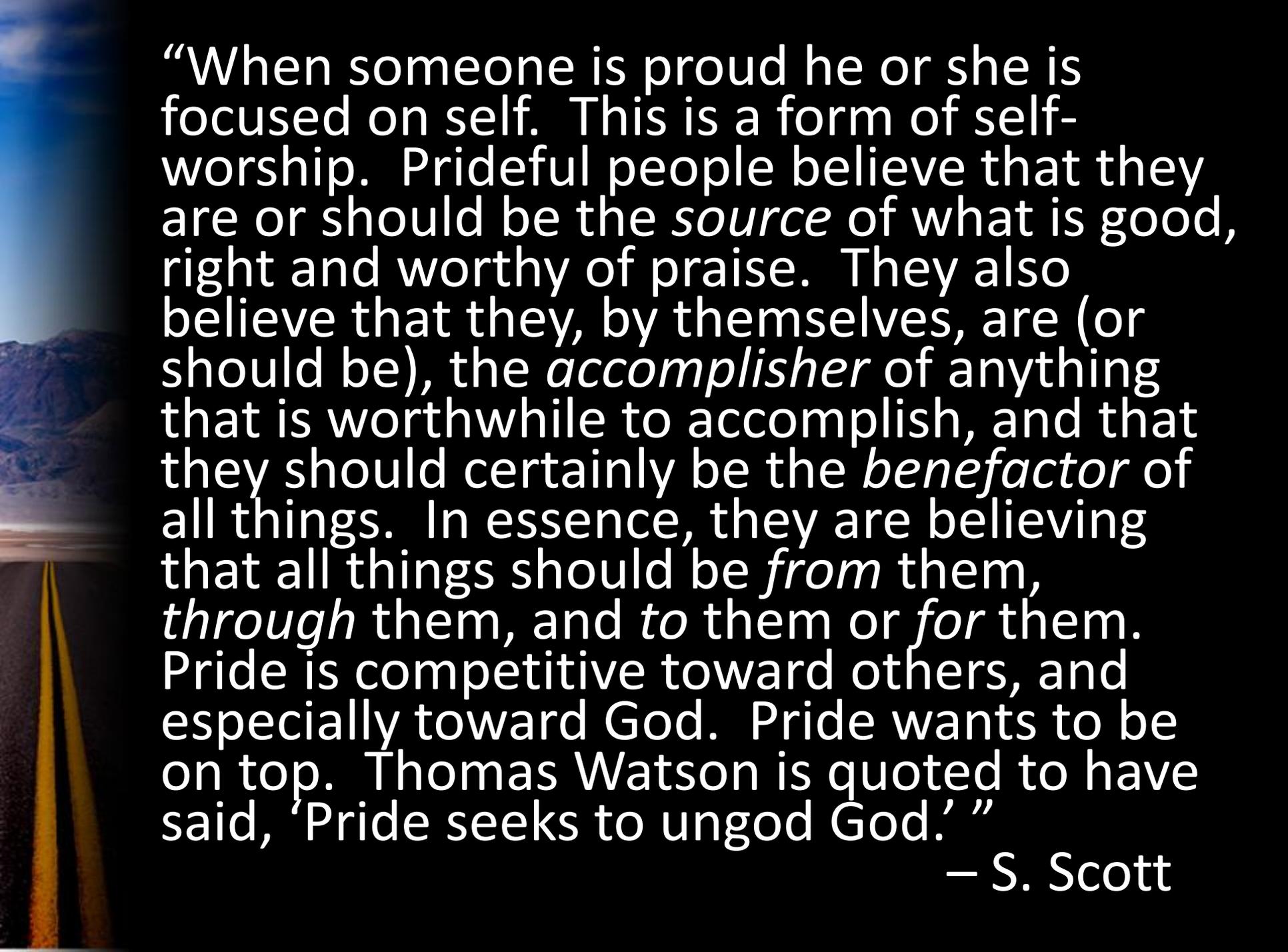
# Proverbs 16:5

5 Everyone who is proud  
in heart is an  
abomination to the  
LORD;  
Assuredly, he will not be  
unpunished.



# Proverbs 29:23a

<sup>23a</sup> A man's pride will bring  
him low,



“When someone is proud he or she is focused on self. This is a form of self-worship. Prideful people believe that they are or should be the *source* of what is good, right and worthy of praise. They also believe that they, by themselves, are (or should be), the *accomplisher* of anything that is worthwhile to accomplish, and that they should certainly be the *benefactor* of all things. In essence, they are believing that all things should be *from* them, *through* them, and *to* them or *for* them. Pride is competitive toward others, and especially toward God. Pride wants to be on top. Thomas Watson is quoted to have said, ‘Pride seeks to ungod God.’ ”

– S. Scott

## John 15:5

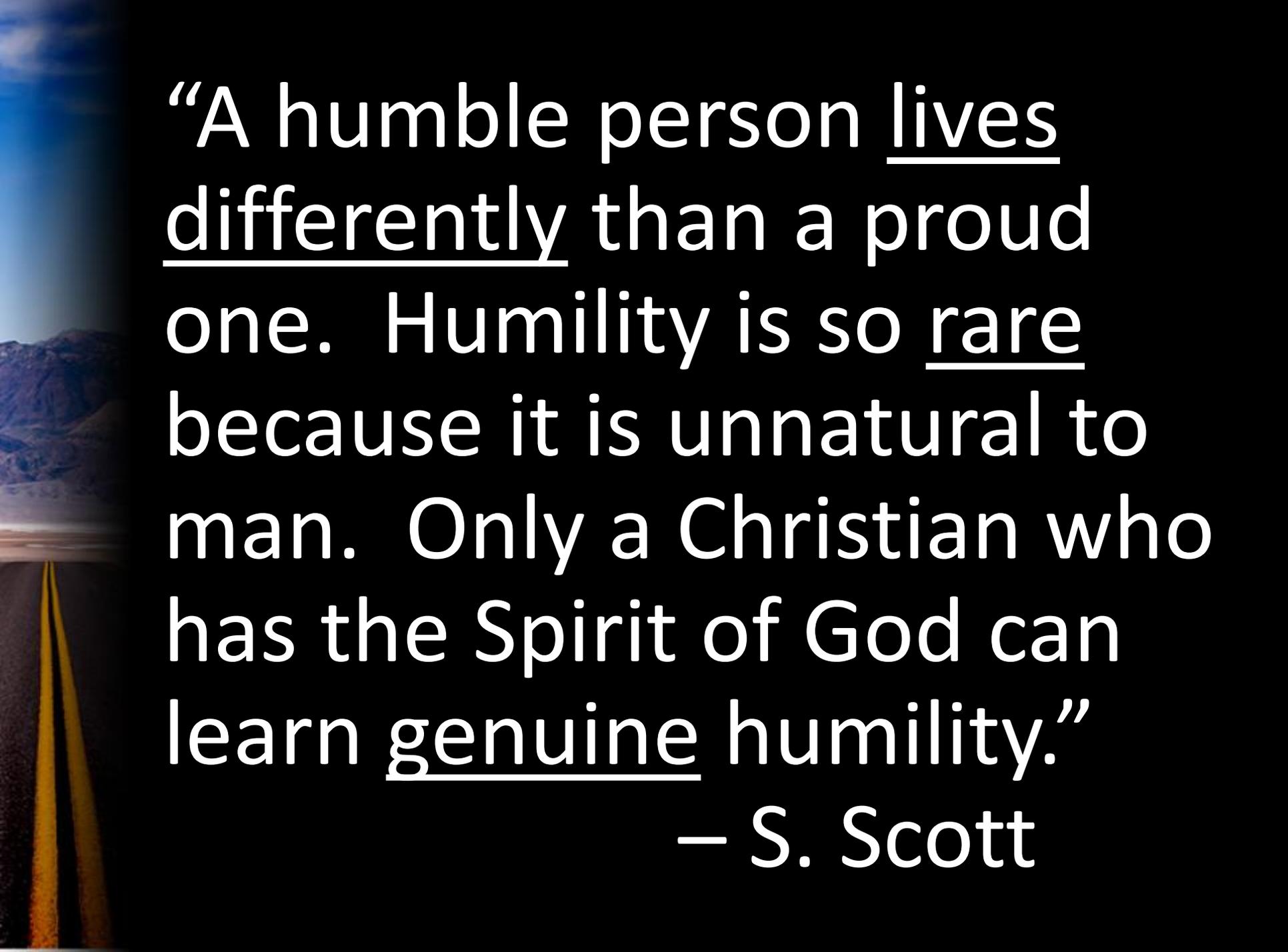
5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

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“A humble person lives differently than a proud one. Humility is so rare because it is unnatural to man. Only a Christian who has the Spirit of God can learn genuine humility.”

– S. Scott