

No Ground For Boasting

“Lord, You will ordain peace for us: for You also have wrought all our works in us.” Isaiah 26:12

How *humbling* is this to the pride of man! It makes everything of God—and nothing of the creature! The tendency of human nature the world over, is to be self-sufficient and self-satisfied; to say with the Laodiceans, “I am rich, and increased with goods—and have need of nothing” (Rev 3:17). But here is something to humble us—and empty us of pride. Since God has wrought all our works in us, then we have no ground for boasting. “For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?” (1 Cor 4:7). And who are the ones in whom God thus works? From the *divine* side—His favored, chosen, redeemed people. From the *human* side—those who, in themselves have no claim whatever on His notice; who are destitute of any merit; who have everything in them to provoke His holy wrath; those who are miserable failures in their lives, and utterly depraved and corrupt in their persons. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound—and did for them and in them what they *would* not and *could* not do for themselves!

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