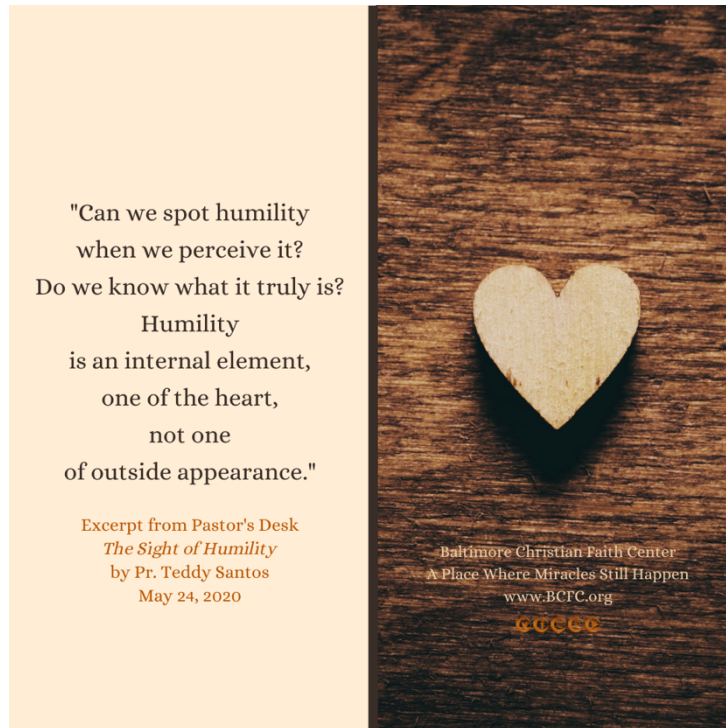


## The Sight of Humility

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#### Job 42:1-6

(1) Then Job answered the LORD and said: (2) "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. (3) You asked, "Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. (4) Listen, please, and let me speak; You said, "I will question you, and you shall answer Me." (5) "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. (6) Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."

In this text, the portrayal Job held of God in His relationship with Job and of self in his relationship with God, along with fellow man, are shattered into an unrecognizable mass of pulp. Above all, Job now knows that God owes him only what He determines that He owes him. God is not indebted to humanity for anything.

Will we be bold enough to claim that God owes us something because of our good behavior or works? Our Lord does not owe us a thing, even if we do obey Him perfectly! Our covenant with Him is not on that basis. The covenant is acquired, with us knowing that we owe Him everything! We have nothing to bargain with. Do we receive salvation because we trade keeping the Sabbath or paying tithes for it? No!

It is not hard to tell that Job is truly humbled! Can we spot humility when we perceive it? Do we know what it truly is? Humility is an internal element, one of the heart, not one of outside appearance. An example - Moses was a man who was humble, yet with a commanding presence. However, a person's humility significantly affects what those watching him see and hear radiate from him.

Godly humility is not an extensive deficiency system, as some believe it to be. Humanity is not humble; by nature, we are well-pleased with ourselves and insane enough to think that we deserve something good from God's hand. This attitude describes almost precisely what Job imagined of himself in his relationship with God. Many think that as long as God allows them to conduct their lives civilly, keeping themselves from the grosser sins, everything is well in their relationship with Him. The significant reality of true humility is far from what men think, as Job unquestionably recognized. The presence of humility is something that should never lack in the life of a Believer.

At His service,  
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