

P R I D E

Pride is worshipping your own opinion more than God's opinion!
When you make it up IN YOUR OWN MIND what YOU believe, instead of asking Him what the Truth is. When you are not daily consulting His Holy Word to find more and more of what He has to say to you about how to think and act and know about Him. We are to search His Word for the Truth that is in it.

When you are willing to HEAR what He is saying. When you are willing to CHANGE your way of thinking and acting. When you are willing to OBEY what the Bible says, then you can RECEIVE IN YOUR HEART THE RIGHT WAY HE WANTS YOU TO GO!

NOW LET'S STUDY WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS ABOUT PRIDE:

What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar?

"But when his heart was lifted up (proud), and his mind (spirit) hardened in PRIDE, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him!

"And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: (donkeys) They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever He will." Daniel 5:20-22

And what happened to his son, Belshazzar in regard to PRIDE?

"And thou his son, O Belshazzar, HAST NOT HUMBLLED THINE HEART, THOUGH THOU KNEWEST ALL THIS!" Daniel 5:22

"But hast lifted up (exalted) thyself against the LORD OF HEAVEN! And they have brought the vessels of His House (the temple) before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast PRAISED the gods of silver, and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which SEE NOT, NOR HEAR, NOR KNOW: and the GOD in whose hand thy BREATH is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified! Daniel 5:23

Then were the palm of a hand seen, with fingers and this was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. Daniel 5:25

“This is the interpretation of the thing: MEME: God hath numbered thy Kingdom, and finished it! 5:26

“TEKEL: Thou are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.” 5:27

PERES: Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes, and Persians! 5:28

From hearing all this you must realize that if pride is the main focus in your life; this will surely happen to you. You will lose everything and you will not be going to Heaven! God HATES PRIDE! Pride hardens your heart and as you participate in it, over time your heart will be so hardened you will not be able to come to the Lord for Salvation. You are in a lost and in a hopeless condition!

WHAT DOES PRIDE DO?

IT HINDERS COMING TO GOD, AND KEEPING HIM AS YOUR ALL AND ALL!

“THE WICKED THROUGH THE PRIDE OF HIS COUNTENANCE, WILL NOT SEEK AFTER GOD! GOD IS NOT IN ALL HIS THOUGHTS OR MIND.”

IT PRODUCES SPIRITUAL DECAY:

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN ISRAEL REBELLED AGAINST GOD:

“STRANGERS HAVE DEVoured HIS STRENGTH, AND HE KNOWETH IT NOT!”

“AND THE PRIDE OF ISRAEL TESTIFIETH TO HIS FACE: AND THEY DO NOT RETURN TO THE LORD THEIR GOD, NOW TO SEEK HIM FOR ALL THIS!”
Hosea 9:9, 10

IT KEEPS YOU FROM REAL PROGRESS:

“SEEST THOU A MAN WISE IN HIS OWN CONCEIT? (eyes)
THERE IS MORE HOPE OF A FOOL THAN OF HIM!” Proverbs 26:12

“SEEST THOU A MAN THAT IS HASTY IN HIS WORDS? THERE IS MORE HOPE OF A FOOL THAN OF HIM!” Proverbs 29:20

PRIDE ISSUES FROM SELF-DECEPTION:

“THY FIERCENESS HATH DECEIVED THEE, AND THE PRIDE OF THINE HEART ...I WILL BRING THEE DOWN FROM THENCE, SAITH THE LORD!”
Jeremiah 49:16

IT MAKES MEN REJECT GOD'S WORD BECAUSE OF THE HARDENING OF YOUR HEART.

PRIDE LEADS TO RUIN:

"PRIDE GOETH BEFORE DESTRUCTION, AND A HAUGHTY SPIRIT BEFORE A FALL." (stumbling) Proverbs 16:18

HERE ARE SOME SCRIPTURES ABOUT PRIDE:

PSALMS:

"THE WICKED IN HIS PRIDE DOTH PERSECUTE (hotly pursues) THE POOR. LET THEM BE TAKEN IN THE DEVICES (plots) THAT THEY HAVE IMAGINED." (devised) 10:2

"THERE FOR PRIDE COMPASSETH THEM ABOUT AS A CHAIN; VIOLENCE COVERETH THEM AS A GARMENT." 73:6

PROVERBS:

"BE NOT WISE IN THINE OWN EYES: FEAR THE LORD, AND DEPART FROM EVIL." 3:7

"THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS TO HATE EVIL: PRIDE, AND ARROGANCE, AND THE EVIL WAY, AND THE FROWARD (perverse) MOUTH, DO I HATE!" 8:13

WHEN PRIDE COMETH, THEN COMETH SHAME: BUT WITH THE LOWLY (humble) IS WISDOM." 11:2

"ONLY BY PRIDE COMETH CONTENTION, (strife, quarreling) BUT WITH THE WELL ADVISED IS WISDOM!" 13:10

"IN THE MOUTH OF THE FOOLISH IS A ROD OF PRIDE: BUT THE LIPS OF THE WISE SHALL PRESERVE THEM." 14:3

"BEFORE DESTRUCTION THE HEART OF MAN IS HAUGHTY; AND BEFORE HONOR IS HUMILITY." 18:12

A MAN'S PRIDE SHALL BRING HIM LOW: BUT HONOR SHALL UPHOLDETH THE HUMBLE IN SPIRIT." 29:23

(IN OTHER WORDS, THE HUMBLE IN SPIRIT WILL RETAIN HONOR)

ISAIAH 25:11

“AND HE SHALL SPREAD FORTH HIS HANDS IN THE MIDST OF THEM, AS HE THAT SWIMMETH SPREADETH FORTH HIS HANDS TO SWIM: AND HE SHALL BRING DOWN THEIR PRIDE TOGETHER WITH THE SPOILS OF THEIR HANDS.” (trickery)

“WOE, (doom) TO THE CROWN OF PRIDE, TO THE DRUNKARDS OF EPHRAIM, WHOSE GLORIOUS BEAUTY IS A FADING FLOWER, WHICH ARE AT THE VERDANT VALLEYS OF THEM THAT ARE OVERCOME WITH WINE!”
Isaiah 28:1 (Here the prophet denounces them because they have erred through wine and strong drink)

JEREMIAH:

“GIVE GLORY TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, BEFORE HE CAUSE DARKENSS, AND BEFORE YOUR FEET STUMBLE UPON THE DARK MOUNTAINS, AND WHILE YE LOOK FOR LIGHT, HE TURN IT INTO THE SHADOW OF DEATH.”
13:17

“BUT IF YE WILL NOT HEAR IT, MY SOUL SHALL WEEP IN SECRET PLACES FOR YOUR PRIDE; AND MINE EYE SHALL WEEP SORE, AND RUN DOWN WITH TEARS, BECAUSE THE LORD’S FLOCK IS CARRIED AWAY CAPTIVE!”
13:18

“WE HAVE HEARD THE PRIDE OF MOAB, (he is exceedingly proud) HIS LOFTINESS AND HIS ARROGANCY, AND HIS PRIDE, AND THE HAUGHTINESS HIS HEART.”

I KNOW HIS WRATH, SAITH THE LORD; BUT IT SHALL NOT BE SO; HIS LIES HAVE MADE NOTHING RIGHT. 48:29, 30

EZIEKIEL

(The fall of Egypt) “THUS SAITH THE LORD; THEY ALSO THAT UPHOLD EGYPT SHALL FALL: AND THE PRIDE OF HER POWER SHALL COME DOWN: FROM THE TOWER OF SYRENE SHALL THEY FALL IN IT BY THE SWORD, SAITH THE LORD GOD.”

DANIEL:

NOW I NEBUCHADNEZZAR PRAISE AND EXTOL AND HONOR THE KING OF HEAVEN, ALL WHOSE WORKS ARE TRUTH, AND HIS WAYS JUSTICE: AND THOSE THAT WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO HUMBLE. 4:37

OBADIAH:

“THE PRIDE OF THINE HEART HATH DECEIVED THEE...THAT SAITH IN HIS HEART, WHO SHALL BRING ME DOWN TO THE GROUND?” 3

ZEPHANIAH:

“THIS SHALL THEY HAVE FOR THEIR PRIDE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE REPROACHED AND MAGNIFIED (made arrogant) THEMSELVES AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD OF HOSTS.” 2:10

“THE LORD WILL BE TERRIBLE UNTO THEM: FOR HE WILL REDUCE TO NOTHING ALL THE GODS OF THE EARTH; AND MEN SHALL WORSHIP HIM, EVERY ONE FROM HIS PLACE, EVEN ALL THE COASTLANDS OF THE NATIONS.” 2:11

MATTHEW 7:20-23

“THAT WHICH COMETH OUT OF THE MAN: THAT DEFILETH THE MAN.” FOR FROM WITHIN, OUT OF THE HEART OF MEN, PROCEED EVIL THOUGHT, ADULTERIES, FORNICATION, MURDERS, THEFTS, COVETOUSNESS, WICKEDNESS, DECEIT, LASCIVIOUSNESS, AN EVIL EYE, BLASPHEMY, PRIDE, FOOLISHNESS:”

“ALL THESE EVIL THINGS COME FROM WITHIN, AND DEFILE THE MAN.”

“LOVE NOT THE WORLD, NEITHER THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE WORLD. IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM.” 1 John 2:15

“FOR ALL THAT IS IN THE WORLD, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, AND THE LUST OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE, IS NOT OF THE FATHER, BUT IS OF THE WORLD.” 1 John 2:16

IN LUKE 18: 11-14 THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF PRIDE:

“THE PHARISEE STOOD AND PRAYED THUS WITH HIMSELF, GOD, I THANK THEE, THAT I AM NOT AS OTHER MEN ARE, EXTORTIONERS, UNJUST, ADULTERERS, OR EVEN AS THIS PUBLICAN.” (tax collector)

“I FAST TWICE IN THE WEEK, I GIVE TITHES OF ALL THAT I POSSESS!”

HERE IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE PUBLICAN:

“AND THE PUBLICAN STANDING AFAR OFF, WOULD NOT LIFT UP SO MUCH AS HIS EYES UNTO HEAVEN, BUT SMOTE UPON HIS BREAST, SAYING, GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER!” Luke 18:13

THIS IS WHAT JESUS SAID:

“I TELL YOU, THIS MAN WENT DOWN TO HIS HOUSE JUSTIFIED RATHER THAN THE OTHER: FOR EVERY ONE THAT EXALTETH HIMSELF SHALL BE ABASED; AND HE THAT HUMBLETH HIMSELF SHALL BE EXALTED!
Luke 18:14

WHEN WE TRULY WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH AS JOHN 4:23 SAYS. WE WILL BE CONVICTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN WE HAVE PRIDE AND WE WILL REPENT AND CAST IT FROM US.

IT'S ALL A MATTER OF OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS GOD. IF WE LOVE AND RESPECT HIM, WE WILL OBEY WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

AND WE WILL BE IN HIS HOLY BIBLE DAILY, SEEKING ALL THE NUGGETS OF TRUTH IN THERE AND LEARNING MORE AND MORE EACH DAY HOW HE WANTS US TO BE THINKING AND ACTING. (I said this at the beginning)

IF WE DO THAT: WE WILL KNOW THE RIGHT WAY! EVERYONE NEEDS TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT WAY! JESUS!

