



INTRODUCTION:

WHAT IS PRIDE?

The Dictionary says: Excessive self-regard, arrogance, egotism, superciliousness, haughtiness, disdain, vainglory, vanity, conceit. An absorbing sense of one's own greatness.

In the Greek: Self-conceit, high-minded, lifted-up, haughtiness, boasting. To envelop with smoke. (Where we get the saying 'Blowing Smoke'!)

THE BIBLE TEACHES PRIDE IS SIN:

Prov 21:4

4 **An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.**

COMMENTARY:

“Pride” is one of the worst traits that a person can have. It is not only a Sin, but also leads people to engage in other Sins. The difficult thing about “Pride” is that it is not a one-time thing. Though you may not have it for a period of time, it can creep up on you when you least expect it. “Pride” also comes and goes, so we must constantly be aware of it’s presence and avoid all opportunities to allow it to raise up its ugly head.

WHERE DOES PRIDE COME FROM?

Mark 7:21-23

21 **For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed** evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, **pride**, foolishness:
23 **All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**

WHAT DOES THE LORD THINK OF PRIDE?

Jer 13:15

15 Hear ye, and give ear; **be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.**

Prov 6:16-17

16 **These six things doth the LORD hate:** yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
17 **A proud look,** a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Prov 8:13

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: **pride, and arrogancy,** and the evil way, **and the froward mouth, do I hate.**

1 Sam 2:3

3 **Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.**

Prov 16:5

5 **Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD:**

THE RESULTS OF PRIDE:

Ps 10:2

2 **The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor:...**

Prov 11:2

2 **When pride cometh, then cometh shame:...**

Prov 13:10

10 **Only by pride cometh contention:...**

Prov 14:3

3 **In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride:...**

Prov 16:18

18 **Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.**

Prov 28:25

25 **He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife:**

ABOUT ALCOHOL/BOOZE AND PRIDE:

Isa 28:1 (Drunkards are the ‘Crown of Pride’)

1 **Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!**

Isa 28:3

3 **The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:**

Hab 2:5

5 **Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man,**

Jer 48:29

29 **We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.**

Jer 48:33

33 **And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; their shouting shall be no shouting.**

THE PUNISHMENT FOR PRIDE:

Ezek 16:49-50 (Sodom is an example of Pride)

49 Behold, **this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride**, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

50 **And they were haughty**, and committed abomination before me: **therefore I took them away as I saw good.**

Ps 12:3

3 **The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:**

Prov 15:25

25 **The LORD will destroy the house of the proud:...**

Dan 5:20

20 **But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne**, and they took his glory from him:

Obad 1:3-4 (Jer. 49:16)

3 **The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee**, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; **that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?**

4 **Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle**, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, **thence will I bring thee down**, saith the LORD.

THE MINISTRY AND PRIDE:

Ezek 7:10 (The Rod represents Leadership)

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; **the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.**

1 Tim 3:6 (When choosing Leaders)

6 **Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall** into the condemnation of the devil.

2 Tim 3:1-2 (In these last days)

1 This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

2 For **men shall be lovers of their own selves**, covetous, **boasters, proud**, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Tim 3:4-5

4 Traitors, **heady, highminded**, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 **Having a form of godliness**, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

1 Jn 2:16 (You shall know them by their fruits)

16 **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 Tim 6:3-4 (To those that won't listen to these Words from God)

3 **If any man teach otherwise**, and consent not to wholesome words, **even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 **He is proud, knowing nothing**, but doting about questions and strifes of words, **whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,**

Jer 13:17

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.**

CONCLUSION:

We pray that this Tract may be a constant reminder to you about the Sin of "Pride", and to help you avoid the seriousness of its consequences.

Jer 50:32

32 **And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up**: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.

Isa 2:12

12 **For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up**; and he shall be brought low:

Isa 25:11

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.**

Zeph 3:11

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: **for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.**

Amen!

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