



# “The Sin of Pride”

~ Proverbs 6:16-17; 8:13~

There are many things that God calls an abomination in his Word, but at the top of this list is the sin of pride. It is something that God detests and hates. Mankind is saturated with pride, and they make it easy for Satan to gain ground in their lives through it. The Christian ought to hate pride the way God hates it and do the things necessary to keep it far from their hearts.

## I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pride

### A. Lucifer’s original position (Ezek. 28:12-16)

1. Lucifer had full \_\_\_\_\_ v.12 (1 Cor. 8:1-3).
2. Lucifer had perfect \_\_\_\_\_ v.12 (2 Cor. 11:13-14).
3. Lucifer had great \_\_\_\_\_ v.13 (Prov. 11:4, 28; 13:7; 22:4; 23:4-5).
4. Lucifer had great \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ v.13. (Gen. 4:21).
5. Lucifer had a special \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ v.14. (Isa. 23:9, 1Pe. 5:6, Prov. 29:23).

### B. Lucifer’s downfall (Isa. 14:12-15)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of pride
  - a. The sin began in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 4:23, Mark 7:20-23).
  - b. The thoughts of Lucifer’s heart
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts (Phil. 3:18-19, Psa. 10:4)
    - 2) Self-\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts (Rom. 12:3-4, 2 Cor. 10:5)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of pride
  - a. Lucifer desired \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 4:8-10)

- 1) The angels were to worship Christ (Heb.1:1-8).
  - 2) No angel was to accept worship from any man (Rev. 22:8-9, Col. 2:18, Heb. 2:16).
- b. A man with pride desires worship (1Cor. 6:15-20; 10:31).

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pride

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

1. Boasting of \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan. 4:29-37)

2. Boasting of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 12:21-23)

3. Boasting of \_\_\_\_\_ (Lu. 12:16-21, Ja. 4:16)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 13:10, Phil. 2:3-4, 14)

✦ *Contention – quarrel, debate, strife*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 11:2, Matt. 23:12)

✦ *Shame - disgrace*

✦ *Abase – humiliated*

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (1Pe. 5:5, Jer. 13:1-10; Prov. 25:14)

✦ *Resisteth – Literally, to stand against; to withstand; hence, to act in opposition*

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pride

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan.4:29-37, Matt. 23:12, Jer. 13:15-18)

*“God abases the proud that He may salvage the soul and get glory out of the life.”*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 16:18 Dan 5:1-6, 18-30)

1. They that believe in a salvation that is attained by anything other than simple faith in Christ’s person and work are prideful in the heart and will end in destruction (Rom. 3:27-28, Eph. 2:8-9).

2. A person that does not think they need God and will not repent and give God glory is a person with pride in his heart and consequently must be destroyed (Lev. 26:19, Obad. 1:3-4, John 3:36)

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Pride

A. Realize Your Dependence upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Jo. 15:5, Rom. 11:18, Isa. 10:15).

1. The things you have are given to accomplish God's will not your own (Phil. 2:13).
2. There is no situation in God's will that can overcome the believer (Ja. 4:6, Phil. 4:13).

*When you realize all of your natural abilities are given of God and that all of your supernatural abilities are by God's grace you will have an easier time taking the next step.*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ to God James 4:7

◆ *Submission – to be subordinate, to put yourself into rank*

1. Place \_\_\_\_\_ areas of your life upon God's altar (Gal. 2:20, Rom. 6:13, Eph. 3:17).
2. Check the list below or make a list of those areas that you have not submitted to God in according to His will.

\_\_\_ Stronger desire to do my will than God's will

\_\_\_ More dependent upon my strengths and resources than God's

\_\_\_ Sometimes I believe that my ideas and opinions are better than others

\_\_\_ More concerned about controlling others than developing self-control

\_\_\_ Sometimes I consider myself more important than others

\_\_\_ Tendency to think I have no needs

\_\_\_ I find it difficult to admit that I was wrong.

\_\_\_ Tendency to be more of a people-pleaser than a God-pleaser.

\_\_\_ I often desire to have others compliment me

- \_\_\_ I am overly concerned about people's perception to the point of fabricating stories to cover up weaknesses or failures in life.
  - \_\_\_ I am overly concerned about getting the credit I deserve.
  - \_\_\_ I am driven to obtain the recognition that comes from degrees, titles, positions and so on.
  - \_\_\_ I often think I am humbler than others.
  - \_\_\_ other ways I may have thought more highly of myself than I should.
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3. Ask for God's forgiveness for areas of life you have built around self and surrender them to God. Ask God to take back any ground given to the Devil through your pride.

DEAR LORD,

FORGIVE ME FOR THINKING TOO HIGHLY OF MYSELF IN THE AREA OF \_\_\_\_\_. I RECOGNIZE MY SELFISHNESS IN THIS AREA AND I SUBMIT TO YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE FOR THIS AREA OF MY LIFE. I AM ASKING THAT YOU TAKE BACK ANY GROUND LOST TO SATAN THROUGH MY PRIDE AND GIVE ME THE GRACE TO GLORIFY YOU IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE. IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ daily your desire to live for Christ. (1Cor. 15:31).
5. \_\_\_\_\_ key verses that will help you (Psa. 119:11, Ja. 4:17, Lu. 9:23, Gal. 2:20-21, 1Cor. 15:31)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ The Devil

*"When we are submitted to God we have more than enough grace to overcome Satan's attacks."*

A heart of pride will keep you from experiencing the victorious Christian walk that God has given you the potential to have. Pride is putting self on the throne of your heart rather than God. We need to deny ourselves and allow Christ to rule our lives daily according to His plan. This will take faith and sacrifice, but it will always be the right way for you to experience the abundant life being usable for God.