

A LESSON ON PRIDE

“The pride of knowledge is a perfect example of how Satan blinds human beings; for the more worldly knowledge that one who is predisposed to pride gains, the more pride they are filled with. Do you not think that these would see that they have taken the bait that Satan put forth for them—and that now they are fully caught in that trap?”

Why is the pride of knowledge a trap, you ask? Have you not heard the story of Satan and his fall from grace? Have you not heard that pride caused Satan to want to elevate himself above God? Have you not heard that pride and the adoration of those who espouse pride, caused one third of the precious angels to fall with Satan? Pride is the root sin of many, and nothing good comes from pride. It harms all who are infected with it; and it stands in the way of good works, compassion, mercy, and grace; for God will not bestow these blessings on one who is infected with this selfish disease—nor will one infected with it give blessings to others with a full heart so that the blessings have eternal value.



You must know as well that pride suppresses all the good that one can have in their spirit, and thus the spiritual communion with God is eliminated. One who is filled with pride is their own worst enemy, for it blinds the rational eye to reality, and causes one to view themselves with a perverted esteem that has no merit, nor place in the physical or spiritual realities.

Pride is foolish—for who deserves to feel smarter or superior to anyone else, when this errant person could be only a breath away from death and judgment? Then, how superior will this spirit be when they stand in front of The Judge, and confess all that they have ever done with deep sorrow and shame?

Does a jackal justify pride when it captures a rabbit, only to be captured by a lion; and does the lion justify pride only to be shot by the hunter; and does the hunter justify pride only to be taken by The Creator of all things? As God said to Job, “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth?”

Only a fool would not, when the urge to pride manifests, look to history and realize that pride was the downfall of many; from the powerless to the very powerful—and pride today is the same emotion and thought that it was in the time of Noah. Pride kills and pride starves one, from the spiritual growth necessary to rise to meet God; and pride is abhorrent to God, for it is idolatry, idolatry of the creation and not the Creator; and this mocks The Creator, and demeans Him Who made all.

There are many other detriments to pride, but I have given you enough to take with you and find the rest. Do not allow yourself to have pride, for it defeats you in all arenas that you see, and those that

you do not; and the righteous see through it, and shake their heads in pity for the poor fool who exhibits it...and God resists it, and does not bless those who are immersed in it.

Know however, that there is one who loves it—Satan—for he sees that you are pushing God away; and as you do, you weave yourself deeper and deeper into his web of permanent pain and suffering.

Beware of pride and flee from those who are lost in it.”

Ruach HaKodesh

–John Patmos

Thine (Satan) heart **was lifted up** because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

[Ezekiel 28:17](#)

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the **third part of the stars** (Angels) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: [Revelation 12:3](#)

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? [Job 38: 4-5](#)

Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud**, but giveth grace unto the humble. [James 4:6](#)

For thou (Satan) hast said in thine heart, **I will ascend into heaven,**

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [Isaiah 14:13](#)

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and **served the creature more than the Creator**, who is blessed for ever. Amen. [Romans 1:25](#)

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A **proud look**, a lying tongue, [Proverbs 6: 16-17](#)

The wicked, through the **pride of his countenance**, will not seek after God: [Psalm 10:4](#)

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: **pride**, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. [Proverbs 8:13](#)

Abstain from all **appearance of evil**. [1 Thessalonians 5:22](#)
