

Does Our Pride Make Us Prejudiced? (Part 1)

<u>Proverbs 16:18</u>: (NASB) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Pride can be a tricky thing and prejudice can be an awful thing. Let's focus on pride right now. On the one hand, we are told to take pride in



our work - well at least when I was a kid that's what I was told. We want to be proud of our children and of our country. We want to take pride in the things we own and we want to leave a legacy that we can be proud of. So, pride is good! Well, on the other hand, we can see how pride comes before destruction, how pride can skew our view of others and how pride creates temptation to be dishonest. We can see pride becoming obsession, and we can see how pride can create a lack of trust in others, a lack of compassion for others and a lack of credit to others.

Pride is bad! Obviously, this is a subject that needs not only clear definitions but clear principles to establish clear thinking.

There is only one solution...let's see what the Bible says!

"Too Much Pride," (Verse one) Don Henley

It's common as dirt as old as sin
The road to ruin, again and again
Oh, how many dreams have bloomed and died
Too much pride

How many heavens are hopelessly lost? How many tender loves has vanity cost? Lord, help the soul who can't be satisfied Too much pride

Let's first establish what pride means in the Old Testament:

<u>Proverbs 16:18</u>: (NASB) <u>Pride <1347</u>> goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Old Testament *pride* from our theme text - there are three forms of the same word:

Pride: Strongs #1342 to mount up; hence, in general, to rise, (figuratively) be majestic #1346 from #1342; arrogance or majesty; by implication, (concretely) ornament #1347 same as #1346

Just like in the English language, pride is shown as a good quality in the right place and a bad quality in the wrong place:

<u>Deuteronomy 33:26</u>: (NASB) There is none like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to your help, and through the skies in His **majesty** <**1346**>.

<u>Psalms 10:1-2</u>: (NASB) ¹Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble? ²In <u>pride <1346></u> the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; let them be caught in the plots which they have devised.



Exodus 15:6-7: (NASB) ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷And in the greatness of Your excellence <1347> You overthrow those who rise up against You; You send forth Your burning anger, and it consumes them as chaff.

<u>Proverbs 29:23</u>: (NASB) A man's <u>pride <1346</u>> will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.

Humility is the secret to pride in this verse.

(2005) I love you, Rain Scene, Pride and Prejudice, movie

- (Darcy) Miss Elizabeth, I have struggled in vain but I can bear it no longer... The past months have been a torment. I came to Rosings with the single object of seeing you...I had to see you.
- (Lizzie) Me?
- (Darcy) I've fought against my better judgment, my family's expectation, the inferiority of your birth, my rank and circumstance...all those things, but I'm willing to put them aside and ask you to end my agony.
- (Lizzie) I don't understand...
- (Darcy) I love you. Most ardently. Please do me the honor of accepting my hand.
- (Lizzie) Sir, I appreciate the struggle you have been through, and I am very sorry to have caused you pain. Believe me, it was unconsciously done.

Mr. Darcy tried to put his pride aside because he realized there was more to life.

Let's look closer at the word *haughty* from our theme text.

Combined definitions of the variances of this word:

Haughty: Strongs #1361 to soar, i.e. be lofty; figuratively, to be haughty
Strongs #1362 high, proud
Strongs #1363 elation, grandeur, arrogance, excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride
Strongs #1364 elevated (or elated), powerful, arrogant
Strongs #1365 pride

What does it mean to be proud and is being proud ever a good thing in Scripture? Strongs #1361 - #1365 are words rarely used in relation to God. Conversely, the words for *pride* in the most positive sense is often used to describe God.

<u>2 Chronicles 17:6</u>: (NASB) He took **great pride <1361>** in the ways of the LORD and again removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

Pride is used here in a positive sense, as the pride was *in the ways of the Lord*. This is an example of a man taking great pride in something positive, following the principles of God.

<u>Proverbs 18:12</u>: (NASB) Before destruction the heart of man is <u>haughty <1361></u>, but humility goes before honor.

Pride is used in a negative sense.

Psalms 113:5: (NASB) Who is like the LORD our God, who is enthroned on high <1361>.



This is one of the few times this word is used in relation to God. It gives us a sense of God's loftiness and our smallness.

Pride conclusion: "Appropriate" pride among men in the Old Testament is rare.

We hardly see pride positively so far. Does the New Testament change this at all?

With so much of our current social conversation revolving around us being acceptable as we are to others - no matter what that might mean - taking this next step will surely cause many to shudder, for the New Testament is plain in its description of the dangers of pride.

There are two kinds of pride, both good and bad. 'Good pride' represents our dignity and self-respect. 'Bad pride' is the deadly sin of superiority that reeks of conceit and arrogance.

— John C. Maxwell

There must be hundreds of movies where the bad guy captures the good guy and is going to kill him, but his pride gets in the way and he creates a big elaborate way for the good guy to die, but the good guy always escapes. This parody captures it best:

(1)) What? Are you feeding him? Scott Evil, Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery, movie (1997)



- (Dr. Evil) Scott, I want you to meet Daddy's nemesis, Austin Powers.
- (Scott) What, are you feeding him? Why don't you just kill him?
- (Dr. Evil) No, Scott, I have an even better idea. I'm going to place him in an easily escapable situation involving an overly elaborate and exotic death.
- (Scott) Why don't you just shoot him now? I mean, I'll go get a gun. We'll shoot them together, it'll be fun. Bang! Dead. Done.
- (Dr. Evil) One more peep out of you and you are grounded, Mister, and I am not joking! All right, let's begin.

Six New Testament words describe pride. One text captures *all* their meanings, so for our study, here is the "best" pride text in the Bible:

2 Timothy 3:1-4: (NASB) ¹But realize this, that in the last days, difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self <5367> (selfish), lovers of money, boastful <213> (braggart), arrogant <5244> (appearing above others), revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited <5187> (to inflate with self-conceit), lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

This describes our present time, as this is a prophecy pointing to the End Times. None of these New Testament words that describe the various facets of pride are *ever* used in a good way.

Authentic pride defined, The Science of Pride, Jessica Tracy, Take Pride: Why the Deadliest Sin Holds the Secret to Human Success

• There's also this other kind of pride, which we call "authentic pride." That's really a sense of confidence and self-worth. It's focused on achievement and accomplishment. It's what we feel when we've worked hard and we accomplish something. That's a really positive thing, because the feeling is really good. It's very reinforcing, as we would say. It's something that we all



want to feel because it basically is a message within our brains telling us, "Hey, you're doing a great thing that's putting you on track towards being a good social group member." The things that we feel proud of are things that our group likes about us, that our society wants us to kind of do, whether that's succeeding or helping others or being a good parent or partner. Those are the things that make us feel authentic pride. Because we want to get those feelings, we end up doing lots of hard work and often sacrificing things that are easier and more just fun and pleasurable in order to put in the hard work to get those successes that are going to give us those authentic pride feelings.

She talks about "authentic pride" by those looking for the best in society or their social group. We can apply this to Christianity when we accomplish something with grace and honor, doing a good job.

Philippians 4:13: (KVJ) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

We can look at our families with pride in how they contribute and are examples of sacrifice and giving to others. This extends to our Christian family as well, when you express to them how they did a good job. In a sense you are taking pride in what they have done.

We will now review two Scriptures that help set the basis for our understanding of pride.

First, a text that tells us what God hates - these seven things are "at home" with an inflated ego:

Proverbs 6:16-19: (NASB)

There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

- 1. Haughty eyes (making oneself bigger)
- 2. *a lying tongue* (being above the need to tell the truth)
- 3. hands that shed innocent blood, (not caring about others like you care about yourself this can escalate think of the damage caused by evil governments and the pride of dictators)
- 4. A heart that devises wicked plans, (when driven by pride of ego, it is easy to devise plans based on "what I think is best")
- 5. Feet that run rapidly to evil, (feet that make a beeline for it an inflated ego creates its own definitions of good and evil)
- 6. A false witness who utters lies, (if you are above the law, who cares say what you want) and
- 7. one who spreads strife among brothers.

Second, here is the highest, saddest example of ego and pride in all the Bible:

Isaiah 14:12-15: (NASB) ¹²How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! ¹³But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. ¹⁵Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

This is a prophetic look at the rising ego and pride of Satan that caused his downfall.

We will combine the seven things God hates with the ego of Satan to help us better understand the deadly effects of pride.



WHAT DOES GOD HATE?

Proverbs 6:16-19

"hands that shed innocent blood"

LUCIFER'S DESCRIPTION

Isaiah 14:12-15

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations!

Lucifer as the morning star was so high and powerful that he was given responsibility over humankind to protect the Garden of Eden. Instead, he hijacked it and plunged man into sin and death. You who have weakened the nations - he took mankind's destiny from that of being godly to being full of sin and death. What was once built upon godly principles is now on Satan's principles. That is hands who shed innocent blood, since every human being born is born in sin and dies.



Remove the cancer!

Ephesians 1:3-4: (NASB) ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love...

God's plan prepared a replacement for the fallen Lucifer through the humble means of fallen humanity, chosen to reconcile the world once they proved faithful. Pride's replacement is to remove the cancer - Satan will literally be removed and a new holy government will replace him.



He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world - Does that sound like predestination? We followers of Christ were chosen before the foundation of the world. Is that predestination? God did not predestine individuals. God predestined a replacement of Satan. Sin entered the mind of Satan before the foundation of the world. The Lamb of God was slain (meaning provisions were made for) before the foundation of the world. Satan as Lucifer was given power over the earth. The risen followers of Christ are going to be future ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18) with power over the earth once Satan is cast out. That exalted position was predestined - not the individuals who will make up that position.



<u>Psalms 63:5</u>: (NASB) ⁵My soul is satisfied (filled to satisfaction) as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips.

Spiritual satisfaction in praising God of His abundant plan.

Be satisfied in and praise God for His abundant plan.



What part does pride play in our heart's desires and in our words and how can we avoid it?

As uncomfortable as it might sound, pride often finds a comfortable place to live within our hearts. Once we let it in, pride then somehow or other names itself as our heart's doorkeeper and it finds a way to become the monitor of our desires. This is an insidious challenge that needs serious managing!

(1)) Pride says, Death to Pride and Fake Humility, Joseph Solomon

Pride says, "How do I fit in this? How can I be right? What can you do for me? Who's going to look out for what I want? How can I be known more? How come I don't have what they have?" Pride always wants to squeeze "I" in the middle of everything. Get it? Pride plus "I" in the middle. I thought it was clever. What is at the heart of every argument or disagreement? Someone thought to themselves, "How can I come out on top of this? How can I make sure I'm right and they know that they're wrong?" Pride is the refusal to let yourself die. Your reputation. Your need to be right. Your need to be recognized and seen. Your desire for what other people have. Your entitlement to get what you feel you deserve. "How can I get people to know how great or how smart I am? It's all about me, baby!"



A CQ App user suggests: One problem with the bad type of pride is that it sneaks up on you and rears its ugly head when you least expect it. Just let someone hang up on me and I'm off and running...I always get in trouble that way!

Once you let pride start to get to you, it ends up being an uncontrollable snowball. We start to build a story around what happened (or what we *think* happened), it gets bigger and we end up reacting to something that might not even be real. Road rage is a great example.

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"a heart that devises wicked plans"	But you said in your heart Before he did anything, Lucifer devised a wicked plan.	SATISFACTION! Focus your heart's desire on being satisfied in participating in giving glory to God. Ephesians 1:5-6: (NASB) ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. This describes predestination of the position as "adopted sons." An adopted child is a child of grace and mercy. This is how we are described. His will is for those adopted children to have their hearts entirely focused on His way. It is to have their satisfaction be in the grace of God given to them in their lives to be able to say, "This is the best thing I could ever hope for! This fills me up!"
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Scripturally, how do we find that satisfaction?

<u>Psalms 107:4-9</u>: (NASB) ⁴They wandered in the wilderness in a desert region; they did not find a way to an inhabited city. ⁵They were hungry and thirsty; Their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He delivered them out of their distresses. ⁷He led them also by a straight way, to go to an inhabited city. ⁸Let them give thanks to the LORD for His lovingkindness, And for His wonders to the sons of men! ⁹For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good.



There is no room for pride if we are already filled.



If you can understand what satisfaction means, you have one of the greatest tools to overcome pride.

The truest characters of ignorance are vanity and pride and arrogance.

– Samuel Butler

)) False humility, Death to Pride and Fake Humility, Joseph Solomon

• All about me. And a lot of times pride is blinding. You're typically not as good as you think you are. Pride gives an inflated view, an exaggerated view of yourself. Because, be real, you're not all that, but you are always the last person to admit that. But on the flip side, there's a lot of pride that's passed off as humility but really it's fake humility. The most obvious form of pride is the kind that shows itself on the outside. The less obvious form of pride is the kind that is inside, aimed at yourself. "Oh, woe is me." "I'm bad at everything." "Why is my life so bad?" "Why don't I have a man yet?" "Why don't more people like me?" "Why am I not as great as they are?" And some of us try to act humble just so we could be praised by other people about how



humble we are. But this all still sounds the same as the questions earlier; it's always putting "I" at the center.

Acting humble is not *being* humble; often it is to get attention to show just how humble you are.

What does humility really mean? An accurate assessment of who you are. If you are someone who has talent, it is okay to acknowledge the talent, because that is who you are.

WHAT DOES GOD WITE? Proverbs 6:16-19

LUCIFER'S DESCRIPTION

Isaiah 14:12-15



"a lying tongue"

I will ascend to heaven...

Satan lied - it was an impossibility to do what he said he would do. He knew the loftiness of God compared to his own position. He preached a lie to himself so he could follow it and be convinced of it. Instead of self-elevating thoughts and plans, focus on and appreciate God's glorious plan for the future to elevate all to perfection.

Ephesians 1:7-8: (NASB) ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight.

Having His grace lavished - like grandparents giving to their grandchildren. That is the way His grace is described.

To be redeemed is to be bought back from death. To have our sins forgiven now in this life is to be given true riches beyond our frame. We can only see these things through honesty and humility.



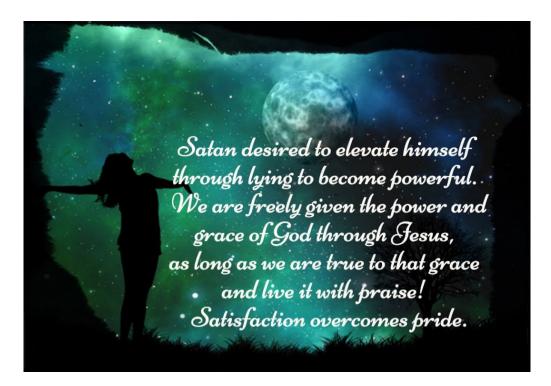
Psalms 103:1-5: (NASB) ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; ³who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; ⁵who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Your youth is renewed like the eagle - Soar to Him and for Him to help His cause. We gain satisfaction by implementing God's will and doing His plans.

Who satisfies your years with good things - not just satisfying for the moment.







Keeping our hearts and words in check is tough. How do we also tackle pride's assault on our actions?

Even when we think we have pride stamped out in relation to our heart's desires, we are still vulnerable. Pride also finds a comfortable place in our proposed actions, as it reminds us of lingering and tempting thoughts of having or being something or someone of extraordinary magnificence. This is natural for human nature, but God gives us magnificence because He wants to. One is fleeting, the other is eternal. Satisfaction battles pride.

)) Jesus' humility, Death to Pride and Fake Humility, Joseph Solomon

• God says in Philippians that we must have the same attitude that Jesus had. This Jesus, who though he had a reputation, he had authority, he had power, he did not see these things as something to stop him from doing all that was necessary to love people. Why? Because he wasn't thinking about himself. The King of Kings took on the form of a slave. The mindset of Jesus was not, "I didn't do anything wrong; this is their fault, not mine. Why did I have to be the one to go to the cross? Why me? I'm right. Don't these people know who I am? I need to make sure they get what they deserve. I don't want to get what they deserve." No, it was, "Whatever it takes for people to have peace with God. Whatever it takes for people to be okay. That's what I'm going to do. This moment is not about me, it's about what pleases my Father and what my people need."



One of the definitions of humility is an accurate assessment of yourself. That would mean it is okay to say God is awesome and humanity is valuable to Him which would mean I am valuable to Him and am worth saving, which means I have worth. Does that sound like pride?



No, that is not pride. We do have value in the sight of God. That is the whole reason for His plan. Even though we are broken and sinful, we still have value. God loves us so much, He gave His only begotten son as a ransom from sin and death. It is appropriate to acknowledge that our value comes through Jesus.

WHAT DOES GOD WATE?

Proverbs 6:16-19

LUCIFER'S DESCRIPTION

Isaiah 14:12-15



"one who spreads strife among brothers" I will raise my throne above the stars of God...

Stars of God - the other high level messengers in God's creation. That automatically creates strife because he broke the godly, sanctified order God set. We know what happened - Satan ended up drawing many spiritual followers after him, which we call fallen angels. He created strife among brothers.

Pride in our heart and on our lips is just a small step to reaching for that which is not ours. Pride distorts our view, preventing us from being God-honoring. The remedy for such a travesty is to go back to what we know is absolute truth from God's plan - that He has given us spiritual knowledge and purpose.

Ephesians 1:9-10: (NASB) 9He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in him 10with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times - the unfolding of the grandness of God's plan. This will replace what Satan put in place.

This knowledge and purpose takes away any fabricated need to reach for what is beyond us, for we are freely given (if faithful) a high and privileged place that will spread peace (not strife) among brothers! His plan has it all in order from beginning to end.



For us to be faithful, we must help others to be faithful. We are to look out for those around us. That is part of the call of the body of Christ.

<u>Psalms 17:15</u>: (NASB) As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

This is prophetically looking at the glorification of the faithful Christian. Satan was reaching for, planning for and devising for glory that was beyond him. The glorification given to the faithful Christian is beyond what we can possibly comprehend. It is freely given if we can be satisfied with God's plan.

Bask in the satisfaction of being drawn close to the Creator. Realize that there is no need to reach and take, but there is responsibility to grow and mature. To have the opportunity to be one of the stars of God's glory is a source of limitless satisfaction. Draw on it! Satisfaction overcomes pride!



Pride is devious. It does not leave us alone and the best possible answer is to find true satisfaction in God's plan, providence, will and direction for us and the world.

Leaders who fail to prune their pride will meet demise. That's not a guess, it's a guarantee. With pride, it's not a matter of 'if' we will fall, but 'when.' There are no exceptions. — John C. Maxwell

Authentic pride versus narcissism, The Science of Pride, Jessica Tracy, Take Pride: Why the Deadliest Sin Holds the Secret to Human Success

Pride is absolutely related to self-esteem. The argument that I make in the book and that we found in our research is that authentic pride is all about genuine self-esteem. It's basically the self-esteem that we have that makes us just like ourselves and feel good about ourselves. It's based on accomplishments. It's based on hard work, but it tends to be realistic. The items that people use to assess it are things like, "On the whole, I'm happy with who I am." "I feel good about myself." It's important that we make a distinction between self-esteem and narcissism, which isn't just sort of "I'm happy with myself and I like myself," but much more along the lines of "I'm better than everyone else. I'm the best one around." Some of the items that we use to measure narcissism are things like, "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place. I'm really an extraordinary person." So, that's a really important distinction because authentic pride we think is much more about self-esteem, that genuine sense of "I feel good about who I am." Whereas hubristic pride is much more about narcissism.

We can feel good about who we are because of the redemption of Jesus Christ. We can take satisfaction in being "bought" through the ransom of Jesus. That opens limitless opportunities to be of service.

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"haughty eyes"	I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. Satan looked above and decided he would set his sights on sitting in God's place.	Our pride is all about getting and protecting what we see as the things we should have or be. The remedy for such arrogance is to focus our sight on and work towards that which God has long ago put before us as His gift to us and through us to the world. Are you going to look for what you want OR are you going to look for what God has provided for you? Ephesians 1:10-11: (NASB) 10In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will His purpose and His will are bigger than any vision of grandeur that we can fabricate! It is eternal - there is no comparison. The plan of God endures from the beginning to all eternity.



<u>Psalms 65:1-4</u>: (NASB) ¹There will be silence before You, and praise in Zion, O God, and to You the vow will be performed. ²O You who hear prayer, to You all men come. ³Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, You forgive them. ⁴How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

Pride's Replacement

We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple - Satan was looking to sit on the mount of assembly with his haughty eyes. We are satisfied with the goodness of God's house. It fills us up and gives us everything we could ever want or need.

Look around you! See the utter beauty and sanctity of God's redemptive plan and your potential role in it. Locking your eyes on this picture is satisfying. Satisfaction overcomes pride!



An obvious and important final question - Does pride ever bring anything of value to us?

As we track the ever-deepening corruption of Lucifer we begin to realize the insidious role that his pride played. What began as a prideful idea became a desire which became an entertained thought which became a plan which became an action which became a lifestyle which became a destiny. All this because of his pride. We can use satisfaction in the exact same way because of humility and we decide to become satisfied in God. It is monumental when you see the simplicity of being able to fix the issue.

Pride is an emotion, The Science of Pride, Jessica Tracy, Take Pride: Why the Deadliest Sin Holds the Secret to Human Success

• In terms of distinguishing pride from these broader personality traits, one way to think about it is that pride is an emotion. It's a momentary experience. We can experience it regularly, repeatedly over time. But it's still just a momentary experience that when we experience it we typically show a particular, non-verbal expression. It drives us to engage in various behaviors. Self-esteem and narcissism are both broader dispositional traits. They're tendencies that characterize a person and their behaviors repeatedly over time and across situations.



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"feet that run rapidly to evil"	I will ascend above the heights of the clouds Clouds symbolically represent trouble in Scripture. Satan had a higher goal for himself that included whoever would do as he said.	Satan's "plans" were for a total coup. He was focused and driven and ran full force into attaining a power that would prove to be terminal. Our remedy is to embrace the FACTS. We are called by God to be the first to receive salvation. We are therefore positioned to run rapidly towards righteousness and God's glory. How do you deal with pride? Do a fact check. Pride inevitably distorts facts. Who needs a prideful vision of grandeur when you have the unfolding of God's REAL plan? Ephesians 1:12: (NASB) to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of his glory. Hope in Christ - If you are a true called-out Christian following after Christ with humility, the satisfaction is you are one of the first in line. It happened because you were adopted into His family and had His grace lavished upon us.



Psalms 147:12-15: (NASB) ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! ¹³For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; He has blessed your sons within you. ¹⁴He makes peace in your borders; He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat. ¹⁵He sends forth His command to the earth; His word runs very swiftly.

Zion - scripturally this is used in two ways. Sometimes the physical Zion of Israel is meant. Symbolically, the spiritual "Zion" is the true church after their resurrection; the heavenly body of Christ.

Wheat - a symbol of those called-out ones.

He satisfies you with the finest of the wheat - He gives you everything you need with the finest of those who are called out. You are in a position to have a wonderful existence. Pride does not have a place here.

As spiritual Zion, we are blessed in EVERY way. Take these manifold blessings and make them real in your everyday life, so they can feed you until satisfied. Satisfaction overcomes pride!

Quality is pride of workmanship. -W. Edwards Deming



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• Pride ruins relationships. Pride ruins opportunities. Pride ruins you. Listen to the irony in this. In our attempts to preserve ourselves, to protect ourselves, we actually ruin ourselves. The people who are most joyous in life are not those who chase after everything that they want; no, it's those who are always looking to serve others just as God has served us. Once you really get this, I mean really get this, you will be the better for it.

The "prosperity gospel" teaches you to put your ego in the center of your prayer life. God is a God of abundance, but He will give you what you NEED and not what you WANT. If you are living a life of sacrifice and following Jesus' footsteps, that does not mean winning the lottery; it means character to be developed to become more Christlike so you can make a difference for all of the world for all of eternity.



A CQ App user suggests <u>2 Corinthians 10:4-5</u>: (NIV) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ - this sounds like hard work and maybe that you are being stifled, put down or "less than." That is the opposite of what is really happening! The whole point is so you can become more than you ever thought possible, so you can have a better effect on the world now and later than you ever dreamed imaginable. Taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is the best step you can ever take. It takes discipline but gives you such satisfaction.

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false witness o utters lies"	I will make myself like the Most High. Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Destruction is the inevitable consequence of pride that goes unchecked.	Satan's final proclamation here epitomized untruth, for no one can actually be like the Most High. Our remedy for such lying thoughts is to accept the true and powerful witness of God's promised Spirit. Its presence in our lives is our guarantee of God's plan, presence and power. Ephesians 1:13-14: (NASB) 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. Faithful Christians are given a promise to be elevated to a position of immortality. But the end result of the plan of reconciliation is that it all gets turned back over to God. Never does anyone rise to the position of God Almighty.
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In ancient days when the king put his seal on something, it became the law of the land. You were sealed in him with the Holy Spirit of promise - this guarantee seals the inheritance, which brings us as close to the Most High as possible.

When we look at pride, ego and all of the aspects of Satan's fall, all the things God hates, we start to see the bottom line comparisons. Imaginations and ego pile up on one side, compared with the facts of the plan of the Most High God on the other that include not only Jesus' followers but also the rest of the world as well.

The overcomers are given an amazing level of power and responsibility because they are humble enough and willing to be developed enough to be able to handle such a thing.

Spiritual satisfaction is the key remedy for pride in all cases:

<u>Psalms 132:13-16</u>: (NASB) ¹³For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. ¹⁴This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. ¹⁵I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her needy with bread. ¹⁶Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, and her godly ones will sing aloud for joy.

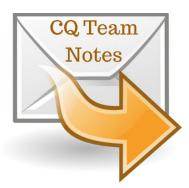
Replace pride with the satisfaction of becoming the resting place of God. Be clothed with the free gift of salvation and live joyfully. Always remember... satisfaction overcomes pride!

If we can put godly, spiritual satisfaction in place, focus on it, check our heart and desires against the facts of God's plan and the abundance of His mercy and adoption for us, surely pride has to go away.

So, does our pride make us prejudiced?
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Pride is SUCH a difficult thing. Inherently we all want to be praised and told we are doing a good job at something, and when we are paid a compliment this results in us feeling a sense of pride in a job well done. I teach high school theater which is (obviously) performance based, and I direct three major shows a year, as well as four smaller shows. Because my work is literally on a stage, I frequently receive compliments after each show, and because it involves work with students and it's not "me" on

the stage, in my mind I am able to shift and say to myself "the kids have done a great job." I have been there to help guide them, and it's awesome to see what they are able to create and accomplish and learn based on feedback and ideas I give them - however - I try to keep the focus on the kids, so that I don't get a big head about my contributions. Personal pride is one of those things you have to constantly keep an eye on and keep in check because it can so easily be inflamed and make you think you are better than you actually are, or it can lead to giving you a sense that you are above/better than others because of your successes.

<u>Proverbs 16:18</u>: (NASB) *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.*

<u>Proverbs 6:16-19</u>: (NASB) ¹⁶There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, ¹⁹A false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.

Now overlay this on the description of Lucifer...

<u>Isaiah 14:12-15</u>: (NASB) ¹²How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! (hands that shed innocent blood)

13But you said in your heart, (a heart that devises wicked plans)

I will ascend to heaven; (a lying tongue)

I will raise my throne above the stars of God, (one who spreads strife among brothers) and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. (haughty eyes)

¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; (feet that run rapidly to evil)

I will make myself like the Most High. (a false witness who utters lies)

¹⁵Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.

Now, a closer look at the words and definitions behind pride in the Bible. We start with the Old Testament:

Pride: #1342 ga'ah (gaw-aw'); to mount up; hence, in general, to rise, (figuratively) be majestic

KJV - gloriously, grow up, increase, be risen, triumph

Strongs #1346 from #1342; arrogance or majesty; by implication, (concretely) ornament

KJV - excellency, haughtiness, highness, pride, proudly, swelling

Strongs #1347 from #1342; the same as #1346

KJV - arrogancy, excellency (-lent), majesty, pomp, pride, proud, swelling #1361 gabahh (gaw-bah'); to soar, i.e. be lofty; figuratively, to be haughty



KJV - exalt, be haughty, be (make) high (-er), lift up, mount up, be proud, raise up great height, upward

Derivative of #1361:

#1362 gabahh (gaw-bawh'); lofty (literally or figuratively): high, proud

#1363 gobahh (go'-bah); elation, grandeur, arrogance, excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride

#1364 gaboahh (gaw-bo'-ah); or (fully) gabowahh (gaw-bo'-ah); elevated (or elated), powerful, arrogant

KJV - haughty, height, high (-er), lofty, proud, exceeding proudly

#1365 gabhuwth (gab-hooth'); pride

KJV - loftiness, lofty

Strongs #2086 zed (zade'); from #2102; arrogant

KJV - presumptuous, proud

Strongs #2087 zadown (zaw-done'); from #2102; arrogance

KJV - presumptuously, pride, proud (man)

New Testament:

Pride: Strongs #5243 huperephania (hoop-er-ay-fan-ee'-ah); haughtiness

KJV - pride

Strongs #5244 huperephanos (hoop-er-ay'-fan-os); appearing above others (conspicuous), i.e. (figuratively) haughty

KJV - proud

Strongs #5367 philautos (fil'-ow-tos); fond of self, i.e. selfish

KJV - lover of ownself

Strongs #5187 tuphoo (toof-o'-o); to envelop with smoke, i.e. (figuratively) to inflate with self-conceit

KJV - high-minded, be lifted up with pride, be proud

Strongs #212 alazoneia (al-ad-zon-i'-a); braggadocio, i.e. (by implication) self-confidence

KJV - boasting, pride

Strongs #213 alazon (al-ad-zone'); from ale (vagrancy); braggart

KJV - boaster

<u>Mark 7:22</u>: (KJV) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride <5243>, foolishness...

<u>Luke 1:51</u>: (KJV) He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the **proud <5244>** in the imagination of their hearts.

<u>Romans 1:30</u>: (KJV) Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, <u>proud <5244></u>, <u>boasters <213></u>, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

<u>2 Timothy 3:2</u>: (KVJ) For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, **boasters <213>**, **proud <5244>**, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

<u>James 4:6</u>: (KJV) But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the **proud** <**5244**>, but giveth grace unto the humble.



- <u>1 Peter 5:5</u>: (KJV) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud <5244>, and giveth grace to the humble.
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- <u>1 Timothy 3:6</u>: (KJV) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with **pride** <**5187**> he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- <u>1 Timothy 6:4</u>: (KJV) He is <u>proud <5187></u>, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- <u>2 Timothy 3:4</u>: (KJV) Traitors, heady, <u>highminded <5187></u>, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- James 4:16: (KJV) But now ye rejoice in your boastings <212>: all such rejoicing is evil.
- <u>1 John 2:16</u>: (KJV) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride <212> of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
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