

DOCTRINE OF PRIDE

- I.** Introduction and definition.
- A.** Pride is to be differentiated from sanctified (non-sinful) exaltation when spoken of God, as God exalts others or recognition of those that exalt God. Cf.2Sam.22:47; Psa.18:46; 46:10; 75:7; Act.2:33; 5:31, Rom.15:17; 1Cor.1:31; 2Cor.5:12-13; 1Pet.5:6; et al
 - B.** Pride is an inordinate or exaggerated self-esteem.
 - C.** It is arrogance and part of the lust trend of the STA. Pro.8:13; Mar.7:21-22
 - D.** Self-pride is a feeling of elation because of what one is, has or accomplishes.
 - E.** Conceit is synonymous to pride (cf.2Tim.3:4) and boasting is verbal evidence (cf.Jam.4:16 cp.1Joh.2:16).
 - F.** It is the antithesis to grace orientation and capacity for life. 1Tim.3:6; 6:3-4, 17; Psa.10:2
 - G.** Pride is a basic sin, but always has a counterpart.
 - H.** Humility is the antonym to pride. Cf.Dan.4:37
 - I.** Pride is not to be confused with self-consciousness i.e., it is not poise, speaking with authority or doing things/carrying oneself with confidence.
 - J.** Pride in psychology recognizes:
 - 1.** Flaws in the human race are two types.
 - a.** Real flaws in character failures.
 - b.** Pseudo flaws: Flair (panache/skill/aptitude) mistaken for arrogance.
 - 2.** A hang-up is an obstacle in life related to pride and is another counterpart to pride.
 - 3.** This results in abnormality or subjectivity.
 - 4.** There are two types of hang-ups.
 - a.** Blind: Not aware of pride.
 - b.** Known: From known pride.
 - 5.** Hang-ups and accompanying syndromes are obstacles to spiritual growth.
 - 6.** Bible class puts pressure on pride so that the hang-ups appear: “He is not loving”, or “I cannot understand love”, etc.

II. Vocabulary.

- A.** Hebrew (many are used in both a good and bad sense):
- 1.** גָּאוֹן – gaon; noun; good sense (exaltation) or bad i.e., arrogance, pride, proud.
 - 2.** גָּבוּהַ – gaboah; adj.; lit. high, exalted; haughty, pride, proud.
 - 3.** גִּוְהַ – gewah; noun; pride.
 - 4.** גִּאוּוּהַ – gaawah; noun; arrogance, haughtiness, pride, proud, proudly, swelling pride.
 - 5.** צַוְאַר – tsava'r; noun; lit. neck, back of neck; fig. insolent pride.
 - 6.** רוּהַב – rohab; noun; emphasizes the object of pride.
 - 7.** גִּאוּהַ – ge'ah; noun; pride, arrogance.
 - 8.** זָדוֹן – zaddon; noun; arrogance, insolent, presumption, pride.

9. זָד - zed; noun; arrogant, presumptuous, proud.
 10. גַּבְהוּת - gab^ehuth; noun; haughtiness, pride, proud.
 11. גֵּהָה - ge^eeh; adj.; excessive pride; proud, who is proud.
 12. רָם - rum; verb; become proud, haughty, self-exaltation.
 13. נָשָׂה - nasah; verb; become proud “of heart”.
 14. גָּבַחַ - gabach; verb; haughty, took great pride “of heart”.
 15. עָפַל - ^ˁaphal; verb; lit. to swell; fig. proud (“the big head”).
- B.** Greek (again, many of these words can be good or bad sense):
1. ὑπερηφανία – huperephania; noun; arrogance, pride, haughtiness.
 2. καυχάομαι – kauchaomai; verb; take pride in, glory in, boast in.
 3. ἀλαζονεία – alazoneia; noun; arrogance, pretension, conceit, boastful pride.
 4. ὑπερήφανος – huperephanos; adj.; lit. showing above; arrogant, proud, haughty.
 5. καύχησις – kauchesis; noun; boasting “from arrogance”.
 6. καύχημα – kauchema; noun; what one is proud of.
 7. ὑψηλός – hupselos; adj.; lit. high, lofty; fig. conceited, haughty.
 8. φρονέω – phroneo; verb; the mental attitude of conceited.
 9. κενοδοξίαν – kenodoxian; noun; empty conceit, vain pride, groundless boasting.
 10. τυφώω – taphoo; verb; lit. to wrap in smoke; fig. to becloud with pride, conceit.
 11. ὑψηλοφρονέω – hupselophroneo”; verb; to be proud, arrogant, act haughtily.

- III.** Pride was Satan’s original sin. Eze.28:14-17
- A.** It originated in his mental attitude. Vs.17
 - B.** His overt appearance was his pride’s counterpart. Vs.17
 - C.** It corrupted the resident BD of which he originally possessed in abundance. Vs.17 cf. vs.12
 - D.** It resulted in overt hostility and rebellion against God. Vs.16
 - E.** It sponsors the arrogance of his negative volition as seen in his 5 “I wills”. Isa.14:12-14

IV. Pride exemplified.

- A.** O.T.:
1. Ahithophel: The counterpart was intellect and prominence and ultimately led to self-pity and suicide. Cf.2Sam.16:23; 17:14 cp.vs.23
 2. Hezekiah: The counterpart was in physical acquisitions and prosperity. Cf.2Chr.32:23-31 cp.2Kgs.20:12-17; Isa.39:1,2ff
 3. Pharaoh of the Exodus: The counterpart was largely nationalism and power. Cf.Neh.9:10
 4. Nebuchadnezzar: The counterpart was his throne. Dan.4:30-34; 5:20
 5. King of Tyre: The counterpart was approbation, power. Eze.28:2

6. Uzziah. 2Chr.26:16-19
7. Moab. Isa.16:6
8. Israel. Isa.28:1; Hos.5:5
9. Judah/Jerusalem. Jer.13:9

B. N.T.

1. Jewish religious leaders at the 1st Advent. Mar.12:38-39
2. Herod. Act.12:21-23
3. Church of Laodicea. Rev.3:17
4. Believers that deny the rulership of the H.S. Jam.4:5 cp.vs.6
5. Believers that rebel against the R/COC or otherwise disrespect or disregard fellow believers. 1Pet.5:5
6. Prophetic Babylon/USA. Rev.18 cp.Jer.50:29, 32

V. Some characteristics of pride/the proud.

- A.** It is a snare of the devil. 1Tim.3:6
- B.** It personifies cosmos diabolicus. 1Joh.2:26
- C.** It personifies false-teachers and others that promote false-doctrine. 1Tim.6:3-4
- D.** It drives –V under human viewpoint. Hab.2:4 cp.1Sam.2:3
- E.** Excessive drinking provides a platform for pride to expose itself. Hab.2:5
- F.** It is part of the unbeliever's m/o in life. Rom.1:30
- G.** It begins in the MA. Mar.7:21-23
- H.** It is worn by the evil wealthy. Psa.73:6 cf.vs.3
- I.** It leads to contempt and rejection of BD and its teachers. Psa.31:18; Jer.13:9-10; 43:2
- J.** It promotes persecution of the less fortunate. Psa.10:2
- K.** It personifies –V and evil in general. Psa.40:4; Job 35:12
- L.** +V holds the proud in contempt. Psa.123:3 cp.101:5
- M.** It is absent in the +V adjusted believer. Psa.131:1
- N.** The proud seek to persecute +V and interrupt their spiritual momentum. Psa.140:4,5
- O.** It is an abomination to God and in the list of the 7 worst sins. Pro.6:16-19; 16:5
- P.** It personifies national reversionism. Lev.26:19
- Q.** It promotes contention. Pro.13:10; 28:25
- R.** Sin pride is energy of the flesh, temporal and fleeting. Psa.90:10
- S.** Dishonor and destruction ultimately follows pride. Pro.11:2; 16:18; 29:23
- T.** It finds expression in pseudo-godliness. 2Cor.5:12
- U.** It is the antithesis to righteous fear. Rom.11:20
- V.** Selfishness compliments pride. Phi.2:3; 1Tim.6:17,18
- W.** It is rampant in the last days. 2Tim.3:4
- X.** It describes the spiritual fool. Pro.14:16
- Y.** It self-deceives. Oba.1:3
- Z.** It promotes hardening of the heart. Dan.5:20 (behaved arrogantly/mind hardened in pride/acted proudly)

- VI.** God's posture towards pride.
- A.** He will always ultimately bring judgment upon the proud. Psa.94:2; Pro.15:25
 - B.** He will abase the proud removing that which sponsors the pride and humble them. Psa.18:27; Isa.2:11,12; 5:15; 13:11
 - C.** He brings national discipline on nations that promote pride. Lev.26:19
 - D.** He destroys and disperses proud nations. Luk.1:51
 - E.** It is tantamount to grieving the H.S. Cf.Eph.4:30 cp.Jer.13:17
 - F.** He is opposed to the proud. Pro.3:34 cp.Jam.4:6; 1Pet.5:5
- VII.** The prescription to pride is humility under grace. Jam.4:6; 1Pet.5:5
- VIII.** Conclusion.
- A.** Pride is the Satanic substitute for capacity for life (e.g., pride in education, profession, appearance, acquisitions, abilities, relationships, etc.).
 - B.** It is a category of reversionism. Pro.16:18; Rom.1:30
 - C.** Pride always glorifies human good/energy of the flesh (e.g., humanitarianism, world peace, liberal socialism, intellectualism, etc.).
 - D.** Pride is a blockade to embracing the truth of BD.
 - E.** It interferes in the expression of +V. Psa.10:4
 - F.** One's pride in time will be their shame in eternity. Hos.4:7; Phi.3:19 cf.1Joh.2:28; Rev.3:18
 - G.** Pride in self = spiritual bankruptcy. Rev.16:15
 - H.** Even BD without true love (FHS + application) is a form of pride. 1Cor.8:1
 - I.** It promotes self-righteousness. Luk.18:11-12
 - J.** Pride is the failure to faith-rest and let God provide the exaltation or sanctified pride. 1Pet.5:6-7