

2 Chronicles 7:14,

"IF MY PEOPLE,

which are called by my name,

SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES,

and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Proverbs 6:16-19, "These **SIX THINGS DOTH THE LORD HATE**: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: **A PROUD LOOK**, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

Proverbs 16:5, "**EVERY ONE THAT IS PROUD IN HEART** is **AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD**:"

Proverbs 21:4, "An high look, and **A PROUD HEART** . . . is **SIN**."

I. God Hates Pride Because It Is So Deceitful.

1. Pride causes you to put on a false front and pretend to be something you are not.

Obadiah 1:3, "**THE PRIDE OF THINE HEART HATH DECEIVED THEE**,"

2. Pride causes you to blame other people for your problems, actions and reactions.

3. Pride causes you to be critical of other people.

Romans 2:1, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things."

4. Pride causes you to water down sin.

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

II. God Hates Pride Because It Is The Greatest Of All Sin.

1. Pride is the root of all sin.

1 John 2:16, "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."

Psalms 10:4, "The wicked, through **THE PRIDE OF HIS COUNTENANCE**, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."

Colossians 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

2. Pride is the very nature of Satan.

Ezekiel 28:15, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."

Ezekiel 28:17, "Thine 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."

Isaiah 14:12-14, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou 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."

3. Pride is the worship of self.

2 Timothy 3:1-2, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES, covetous, boasters, PROUD, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,"

Luke 9:23, "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

III. God Hates Pride Because It Is So Destructive.

1. Pride will destroy your relationship with God.

Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

James 4:6, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

Psalms 138:6, "Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off."

Luke 24:47, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Hebrews 6:1, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,"

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2. Pride will destroy your relationship with others.

Proverbs 13:10, "Only by pride cometh contention."

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Isaiah 57:15, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."