

Reading: Proverbs 6:16-18; I John 2:15-17

Topic: Dealing With Pride

INTRODUCTION: One of the vices that all of us deal with is the sin of _____, and though we may think that we have conquered it, it is one of those things that _____ coming back to try to destroy our life and bring us down.

I. THE ORIGIN OF PRIDE:

A. Satan Himself:

1. Pride was the original _____ of Lucifer who was a created cherub that was anointed by God to be the worship _____ in Heaven. Ez. 28:14,15
2. The pride that invaded Satan's heart led to _____ as he sought to be like the Almighty God and take the _____ and honor that only belongs to God. Is. 14:12-14
3. This sin of pride led to an anointed cherub being _____ out of Heaven and turning into Satan, the devil, the serpent that took one _____ of the angels with him in his fall. Rev. 12:4

B. Our Fallen Nature:

1. When we are born into this world, we are born innocent, but not righteous, and we inherit the _____ nature that we got from our _____ who got it from theirs, etc. all the way back to Adam. Rom. 5:12
2. The very thing that Satan used on Eve to get her to disobey the _____ of God was _____, as he led her to believe that she could become _____ God. Gen. 3:5
3. Part of the fruit of our fallen, corrupt _____ is the vice of _____, which manifests itself in so many ways in the lives of people. Mk. 7:21-23

II. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF PRIDE:

A. In The World:

1. The Word of God tells us that _____ is a part of this fallen world system, and that we are to avoid the spirit of the _____ that is against God. I John 2:15-16
2. The teaching of the theory of _____, atheism, new age philosophy, and many other isms are all a form of _____ that either eliminates God altogether from human existence or reduces God to the same level as humanity.
3. These philosophies are also invented to eliminate any responsibility or accountability that _____ has to any superior being, thus leading him to believe that he can _____ in any way he pleases. Is. 22:13
4. The Word of God states that the _____ of man leads to arrogance and boasting about what man can do and eliminates _____ from the picture altogether. Ps. 73:6-12
5. God went to great lengths to _____ a great world leader to _____ himself before the Lord or else judgment would _____ upon him suddenly. Dan. 4:28-33

B. In The Church:

1. In order for us to be saved, it requires rejecting our _____ and then humbling ourselves to confess that we are _____ in need of a Savior. Lk. 18:13,14
2. In order for us to enter into the _____ of salvation, it requires that we humble ourselves to repent of

our sins, humble ourselves to be baptized in Jesus' Name and humble ourselves to be _____ with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:37,38

3. However, after we have entered into the _____ of Salvation, we still have our fallen _____ nature to deal with on a _____ basis. Rom. 8:13
4. There are a number of _____ and manifestations of pride in the lives of believers and we need to know how to recognize when any of these _____ are happening to us personally:
 - a. A lack of prayer – this tells God and myself – I don't really _____ you – I can do this by myself.
 - b. Taking responsibility for _____ and accomplishment thinking that I really did this myself.
 - c. Lack of submission and accountability to authority and developing an _____ and unteachable spirit.
 - d. Unwillingness to do the _____ tasks and only wanting to do important things where we will be seen and recognized publicly.
 - e. Being critical and judgmental of others who you believe are not as consecrated and _____ as you are.
 - f. Being offended if you are not asked to take the _____ in something.

III. HOW TO DEAL WITH PRIDE:

A. Recognize It:

1. The first step to dealing with the sin of _____ is to recognize it for what it really is, because many people who are full of _____ do not recognize it.
2. Once we recognize we are becoming full of _____, we can then realize the great _____ that it is doing to us personally and to the _____ of God generally. 3 Jn. 1:9,10

B. Repent of It:

1. God spoke to a church that thought it was so _____ and warned them that their pride and self-sufficiency would lead them to destruction and _____. Rev. 3:16-17
2. Once we have been convicted of our _____, we need to humble ourselves before the Lord and ask for his forgiveness and _____ and then change from that moment on and walk in humility. Mic. 6:8
3. We need to walk in _____ before God every day of our lives, recognizing that without Him we can nothing.

CONCLUSION: Many great men and women of God have _____ because of the sin of _____, and none of us are exempt from this sly enemy that would like to take us down also, so let us be wary and wise so that we will not fall into this trap of the adversary.