

Pride

Definition: A conceited sense of one's superiority

Considered by moral theologians to be one of the "Seven Deadly Sins" (pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and acedia or sloth) and is said by some to be the worst of all and the root of all the rest.

Origin of Pride

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,

John 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

- I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:

Psa 110:1 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Matt 22:44)

3 Ne 4:44-45 Behold I am Jesus Christ, the son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning. I am in the Father, and the Father in me; and in me hath the Father glorified his name.

- I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (in place of control)

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Satan

Prince of this World

John 12:31

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

John 14:30

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Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

John 16:11

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

God of this World

2 Cor 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1 Ne 3:93

And it came to pass that I saw and bear record, that the great and spacious building was the pride of the world;

1 Ne 3:126

And the large and spacious building which thy father saw is vain imaginations and the pride of the children of men.

Tempted Adam & Eve

Gen 3:5

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Effects of Pride

Brings Contention & Strife

Proverbs 13:10

Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

Keeps from Real Progress

Proverbs 26:12

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Prov 3:5-7 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Rom 12:16

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Phil 2:2-5

Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

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Psa 10:4

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Leads to Ruin

Prov 16:18-19

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Example – 2Nephi 11:73-76; Alma 21:8-10 (Nephites become extinct)

God Will Be Exalted

2 Nephi 8:24-28, 33

[33] And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

Example – Daniel 4:28-37 (king Nebuchadnezzar)

God's Expectations

Eccl 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Alma 3:50-51

Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not prepared to meet God.

Behold ye must prepare quickly, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life.