

Let go of your PRIDE

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Main Scripture: Proverbs 16:5

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 18:21; Isaiah 57; Malachi 4: 1-2; Proverbs 21: 13; Proverbs 16:2

Notes:

It doesn't speak about someone who is proud of their achievements but the proud in heart is one who sees themselves as great or as lofty. Someone who sees themselves as exalted.

This form of pride is destructive because everyone (meaning no person that is exempt) that is proud in heart is an abomination.

What is an abomination? - Something that is detestable and hated and it brings the feeling of wanting to vomit.

God sends two angels to Sodom and after getting into Sodom the angels were confronted by evil men from the city. When something has become so abominable then God has to act otherwise there would be complete destruction.

Judgement is coming to this place of abominations and the angel is pleading with Lot to come out. Once he got out God remembers Abraham and he looks for at least 5 but when the angels look there is none that was righteous and so fire and brimstone rain down from heaven. Many of us believe that God destroyed the city because of Sodomy. But that's not the whole truth.

Ezekiel 16: 49-50

This tells us that the poor and needy suffered outside Sodom's door and their cries came up to God. They had so much to eat that they were possibly throwing out food as the citizens of Sodom revel in gluttony.

Out of all these sins, the first sin is pride. Pride causes man to sit in the position that God should be in. Pride is the ideology of self. It's not just a carved image that is considered idolatry but when we elevate ourselves to think that we deserve more and that pride opens the door to other sins to come in.

When Lot looked over at Sodom and instead of asking God where to go he looked at the waters of Sodom and could see the material wealth. The spirit of pride gripped his heart and drew Lot into the land of Sodom.

The first act of pride took place in heaven in the place where there should be complete praise and worship to God. It was Lucifer that was to cover the glory of God and that nothing would rob the glory of God but when he saw his own beauty he became violent toward God.

Why is there so much violence? - only by pride comes contention.
You can't argue with one who is humble and won't defend themselves.

But the spirit of pride took Lucifer so high and he coveted what God had.

If you have jealousy check if pride is sitting on the throne of your heart.

The spirit of pride wants to be a king and want to be served. The spirit of Pride rises up when you start questioning how come you were not recognized.

When pride speaks it speaks a law and makes us act as though we are sovereign.

When the spirit of pride is in us it brings accusations and turns us against God.

Pride is a slow progression to sudden destruction.

Every day we give pride more activity in Us. God is humble He is the Most High Jesus Is God in the flesh.

Isaiah 57

God is looking for a person to share the world but first, it starts with being humble. God wants to remove Pride from our hearts.

Are we an abomination in the presents of God?

Jesus is saying let me into your heart. If you let him in he will destroy the spirit of pride. Pride only needs a small crack to come in.

What will happen to those who have pride?

Malachi 4: 1 - All the proud will be burnt up. Sodom and Gomorrah were just an example of all who would continue in their sin. Pride produces laziness and we want others to serve us. People want my attention you have to work for it and from there we see the sin giving birth to more sin until we are destroyed.

Proverbs 21: 13

There is a juxtaposition for those who fear the Lord and bow to the Lord he will exalt them.

The proud would speak against God and not even realize. The bible says he who keeps his tongue keeps his life. The humble know how to remain silent until they hear from the Lord.

Proverbs 16:2

We know we're alive when we humble ourselves before God and allow Him to direct our path.