

Pride is the Problem, and the King is the Remedy  
Isa 2.6- Isa 5

*The haughty looks of man shall be brought low,  
and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled,  
and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.*  
Isa 2.11

**The Point:** Pride is the seed of rebellion, and sin is its fruit.

**The Question:** Is pride the opposite of *Agape* love?

Pride is the Problem

### **The Day of the LORD (Isa 2.6-22)**

Judgment on Israel and Judah (3.1-4.1)

The song of the vineyard Isa 5—What God is angry about and his judgment.

### **The glory after the Judgment. (Isa 4.2-6)**

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**Pride is the problem.** Beginning with our rebellion in Eden to modern battles between governments and fights among siblings in the poorest houses, God judges us for our pride. Engraved on a wall outside the United Nations is Isaiah 2.4b. Prideful nations warring in words that boil over into conflict – ink turns into blood. Let us not forget the *War to End all Wars* when the economic penalty against Germany gave rise to the Third Reich. God judges Judah, Jerusalem, and all nations on the Last Day. The Last Day is real, but so is the grace beyond judgment.

**The Day of the LORD**, what we call the Last Day or Judgment Day, is not limited to Judah; it is the cataclysmic end for all nations. God calls Judah into judgment for the pride of leader 3.13-15 and the rich women and men. The root cause is rotten prideful leadership of kings, princes, religious leaders, personal and national possessions 3.16-23. We love to play, follow the leader. People will follow bad leadership to the grave and beyond.

**The glory after the Judgment. (Isa 4.2-6).** The Day of the LORD is the end of human pride. The creations of humanity, all the images, idols, and prideful treasures are destroyed. Gone are the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty, and all the citadels of human power: Buckingham Palace, Kremlin, Beijing, Rome, and Valley of the Kings. Jerusalem will evaporate in the cleansing firer of the Spirit; all will be new. Everything is destroyed, and there is a reset to creation. Creation 2.0, called the eternal kingdom of God as it was meant to be in the beginning.

One must choose the new creation over the old. Those who love the old will not fit into the new. If one does not love God and his neighbor, why would they want to dwell with them forever? *Everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem (4.3)*—the Lamb’s Book of Life, are chosen because they chose love and obedience over hate and sin.

God says, instead of pride in yourself, make me your pride: Instead of pride in your Country, take pride in my kingdom. Instead of pride in your system of laws, take pride in my Kingship, creation, holiness, bountiful gifts, love, and promise.