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Chapter 12 - Part 1 – Badman's Pride, Atheism, Infidelity and Envy (pages 86-88)

Pride and its origin. Today we're skimming the surface of the pride of Badman. In these few pages, John Bunyan gives a lot of scriptures that reference pride and how God hates it, so I'd encourage you to look them up also. Bunyan points out there are two categories of pride; pride of spirit and pride of body. In essence the pride that is in your heart will also manifest itself outwardly, much like an inward disease in the body will have outward signs of that same disease.

So let's read **Isaiah 3:16-26** where it shows the outward signs of pride. The following talks about the daughters of Zion. who were women in a back slidden state in the Old Testament. *"Moreover the Lord says: "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks, and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, making a jingling with their feet, therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will uncover their secret parts." In that day the Lord will take away the finery: the jingling anklets, the scarves, and the crescents; the pennants, the bracelets, and the veils; the headdresses, the leg ornaments, and the headbands; the perfume boxes, the charms, and the rings; the nose jewels, the festal apparel, and the mantles; the outer garments, the purses, and the mirrors; the fine linen, the turbans, and the robes. And so it shall be: instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench; instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-set hair, baldness; instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty. Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. Her gates shall lament and mourn, And she being desolate shall sit on the ground."* The outward manifestation of their pride is seen by their actions.

In **1 Peter 3:3-5** the Apostle Peter talks about the adornment of women in which they can pride themselves, but keep in mind the word 'merely'. *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands."* The external beauty is temporal, the internal beauty is eternal.

Let's look at what came upon the greatest king of the Babylonian Empire as a result of him not repenting of his pride that the prophet Daniel warned him about. You can read the full story in the first chapters of Daniel, but let's read **Daniel 4:28-33**; *"All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws."* His inward pride brought bodily evidence of his heart.

King Herod also had pride and let's read what happened to him in **Acts 12:20-23**; *"Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country. So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to*

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them. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died."

So what is the origin of pride? Pride, I believe, is the root of all sin. Why? Because it's the reason that Lucifer was thrown out of heaven by Almighty God. Lucifer, who was once the highest angel in heaven - in charge of the worship - decided he wanted to exalt himself and be 'like' God. Well, he was a created being so he could not usurp God.

Let's read about his beauty in **Ezekiel 28:11-19**; *"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you. "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they might gaze at you. "You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, And shall be no more forever."'"* So here is the context of pride of the body. Satan's heart was lifted up because of his beauty! He loved himself a lot. External manifestation of what was in the heart.

Isaiah 14:12-15 goes on to say this about his fall in being cast out of heaven; *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."*

You can't help but notice all of the "I's" in Lucifer's view of himself! Pride is all focused up in; Me, myself and I!

So since the devil became the god of the world - or earth - we are daily in spiritual warfare against him and his fallen demons. The demons, according to Revelation 12:4, were the third of the angels that were cast out of heaven with satan. However, we have to remember that when Jesus gave himself up willingly as the ultimate and only sacrifice to take the sin of mankind upon him; when he did, he took back and stripped the devil of his earthly authority. So now, in Jesus' name, the born again Christian has authority over him! Hallelujah! The Apostle Paul says this in **Ephesians 6:10-12**; *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."*

Jesus warned his disciples in **Luke 10:17-20** about not being prideful of their authority in His name also. He reminded them that He saw satan cast out of God's presence. It says; *"Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like*

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lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Our greater joy as a Christian with spiritual authority over the devil, is that we are saved; our names are written in heaven as a child of God!

This verse in **Proverbs 16:18** perfectly describes what happened to satan, but it is also a warning for all who want to follow in his pride; it says, "*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*"

What's the opposite of pride then? It's humility! **1 Peter 5:5-11** says; "*Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."* Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Do you have strife in your marriage, with your children, your co-workers or even in your church? Pride promotes strife. Let's look at **James 4:1-10** where it says; "*Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." **Proverbs 13:10** also says; "*By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.*" Walking humbly is like throwing a wet blanket on a fire. Humility will quench pride.*

It's interesting how the world has drawn its own new and revised interpretation of the word pride to make it a positive term to give oneself in their choice or action; to be a product praise in being independent, tolerant and fulfilled. But with the devil being the author of pride, his pride caused him to be rebellious against the highest spiritual authority in the universe. To go against God's law and ordinances.

Pride also manifests itself in scoffing. That's what satan did to God. He scoffed at God's all sovereign authority, power, holiness and purity. **Proverbs 21:24** says; "*A proud and haughty man— "Scoffer" is his name; He acts with arrogant pride."* I'd like to take a quote from **Gotquestions.org** "*Question: "What does the Bible say about scoffers? Answer: The word translated "scoffer" in English can mean "one who mocks, ridicules, or scorns the belief of another." In Hebrew, the word translated "scoffer" or "mockers" can also mean "ambassador." So a scoffer is one who not only disagrees with an idea, but he also considers himself an ambassador for the opposing idea. He cannot rest until he has demonstrated the foolishness of any idea not his own. A scoffer voices his disagreement, ridicules all who stand against him, and actively recruits others to join his side. In the Bible, scoffers are those who choose to disbelieve God and His Word. They say in their hearts, "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1), and make it their ambition to ridicule those who follow God."*

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Guaranteed that if you are or know someone who has a scoffing attitude, it's rooted in pride. Now you or others may not speak the words, but as we read earlier, your eyes and your thoughts display your disapproval and pride. **2 Peter 3:2-4** also says; *"that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."* I know of Christians and non-Christians who scoff at the rapture of the church and the return of Jesus Christ. Many scoff at the work of the Holy Spirit including the baptism of the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues, signs, wonders and miracles.

Ephesians 4:17-24 talks about taking off the old man. Part of that old man is pride. *"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."* Christians are continually tempted to walk in pride, but the Apostle Paul is clear here to walk in humility, righteousness and holiness.

1 John 2:15-17; *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."* **James 4:7-10**; *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."*

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect example of humility. His humility in servant hood is always a prime model of how we're to live. **Matthew 23:11-12** *"But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* There is grace available to you to live in humility, serve in humility and love in humility. **James 4:6**, *"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

This short video is a synopsis of what we've studied today. [The Fall of Lucifer](#).