

BIBLE STUDY

THE PRICE OF PRIDE

Key Scriptures:

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

*“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”*

Proverbs 16:18

*Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

1 Corinthians 4:7b

And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

James 4:10

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Isaiah 14:12-15

The Fall of Lucifer

*¹² "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!*

*¹³ 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;
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.'*
*15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,
To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

Ezekiel 28:12-17a

'Thus says the Lord God:

*"You were the seal of perfection,
Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
13 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.*

*14 "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.
15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created,
Till iniquity was found in you.*

*16 "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.*

*¹⁷ “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,*

Genesis 3:4-5

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

¹⁷ But “he who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” ¹⁸ For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ Thus says the Lord:

*“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;*

*²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness*

in the earth.

For in these I delight,” says the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:31

...as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

Galatians 6:14

¹⁴ But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

How do we overcome the sin of pride?

1. Confess it to the Lord.

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Understand that it is because of God’s mercy, compassion and faithfulness we are not destroyed.

Lamentations 3:22-23

*²² Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.*

*²³ They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.*

3. Understand that it is by the grace of God that we are saved and flourish.

1 Corinthians 15:10

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

4. Trust God's many promises and examples that pride brings judgment and destruction, while humility and meekness bring blessings.
5. Praise God always. Worship God only. Give all glory to God.