

Pride

Part 2

Introduction

In the first part of our study on pride, we concentrated on its ugliness and God's attitude toward it. In this next section, we will look at humility, the opposite of pride. First, let's see what God's attitude is toward the humble.

Our Study

He Lives With The Contrite And Lowly In Spirit

The Scripture: Isaiah 57:15

"For this is what the high and lofty One says - He who lives forever whose name is holy, I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

1. Where does God live? _____

2. Where else? _____

3. Why? _____

He Will Scatter Them

The Scripture: Zephaniah 3:11

"I will remove from this city those who rejoice in their pride. But I will leave within you the meek and humble, who trust in the name of the Lord."

4. Who will God allow to stay? _____

The Lord makes many promises to the humble.

He Teaches the Humble His Ways

The Scripture: Psalm 25:8-10

"Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in His ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His ways. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful."

5. How is the Lord described? _____
6. What does He teach the humble? _____

7. How are the ways of the Lord described? _____

He Sustains Them

The Scripture: Psalm 147:6

"The Lord sustains the humble."

8. What does the Lord do for the humble? _____

They Receive Wealth, Honor, and Life

The Scripture: Proverbs 22:4

"Humility and fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life."

9. What do humility and fear of the Lord bring? _____

God Lifts Up the Humble

The Scripture: Luke 1:51

"He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble."

10. What does the Lord do for the humble? _____

God Gives Them Grace

The Scripture: 1 Peter 5:5-6

"Clothe yourself with humility toward one another because God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble... Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

11. To whom does the Apostle Peter say to show humility towards? _____

12. Why? _____

13. What are His instructions? _____

14. Why? _____

The Bible gives us examples of the truly humble. Let's see who they are.

The Scripture: Philippians 2:5-9

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name."

15. Who should we emulate? _____

16. What did He do? _____

17. What did God do for Him? _____

The Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

18. What is Jesus' invitation? _____

19. What must we do? _____

20. What will we receive? _____

21. How does Jesus describe Himself? _____

Let's look at another example.

The Scripture: Numbers 12:3

"Now Moses was a very humble man - more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth."

22. How humble was Moses? _____

The Scripture: Numbers 12:6-8

"When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal Myself to him in visions; I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord."

23. How does God usually speak to a prophet? _____

24. What was different about the way He worked with Moses? _____

Humility doesn't come naturally to some. They have to learn it the hard way.

The Scripture: II Chronicles 33:1-2

"Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites."

25. What did Manasseh do? _____

Manasseh did almost everything the Lord had forbidden, including putting altars in the temple of the Lord.

The Scripture: II Chronicles 33:6

"He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, provoking Him to anger."

26. What did his evil deeds do? _____

The Scripture: II Chronicles 33:10-11

"The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. So the Lord brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner."

27. What did Manasseh do when the Lord spoke to him? _____

28. What did the Lord do? _____

The Scripture: II Chronicles 33:12-13

"In his distress he sought the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. And when he prayed to Him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea, so He brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God."

29. How did Manasseh respond? _____

30. What did the Lord do? _____

31. What did this teach Manasseh? _____

Another wicked king who had to learn humility was Nebuchadnezzar. When Nebuchadnezzar had a very frightening dream, Daniel, a Jewish member of his court, was called in to interpret it. In his interpretation, Daniel told the king that he would be driven away from people and live with the wild animals for seven years until he acknowledged that the Most High was sovereign over the kingdom of men. He warned the king to renounce his sins. Nebuchadnezzar refused. He made a huge statue of himself, which he ordered everyone to worship. When his Jewish servants refused to do so, he had them thrown into a fiery furnace, from which the Lord rescued them. Nebuchadnezzar still did not follow Daniel's advice and everything happened just as Daniel said it would.

The Scripture: Daniel 4:34-36

"At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever... At the same time my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor was returned to me for the glory of my kingdom."

32. What happened to the king? _____

The Scripture: Daniel 4:37

"And those who walk in pride He is able to humble."

33. What are his final words? _____

34. What pleases our Lord? _____

Humility is the key to being a servant, and it is the attitude that most represents Jesus.

The Answers

1. In a high and lofty place
2. With those who are contrite and lowly in spirit
3. To revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite
4. The meek and humble
5. As good and upright
6. What is right and His ways
7. As loving and faithful
8. He sustains them.
9. Wealth, honor, and life
10. Lifts them up
11. One another
12. Because God gives grace to the humble
13. To humble ourselves under God's mighty hand
14. So God may lift us up in due time
15. Jesus
16. He humbled Himself and took on the nature of a servant, becoming obedient to death on the cross.
17. He exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name.
18. To come to Him
19. Take His yoke and learn of Him
20. Rest
21. As gentle and humble of heart
22. More humble than anyone else on earth
23. In visions and dreams
24. He spoke to Him face to face clearly. Moses saw the form of the Lord.
25. He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the heathen nations.
26. Provoked the Lord to anger
27. Paid no attention
28. Made him a prisoner of the king of Assyria
29. He humbled himself before God.
30. He restored him and brought him back to Jerusalem.
31. That the Lord is God
32. When he honored God, his sanity was restored and his honor and splendor were returned.
33. That God is able to humble those who walk in pride
34. Humility

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