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THE "I WILLS"

In Isaiah 14 it speaks of the fall of Satan known as Lucifer before his fall. In verse 12 it says, ***"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"***

One might contemplate what caused his fall. We understand it was pride, but let's look closer at this chapter. Verse 14 says, ***"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High."***

Lucifer chose his will over God's will for him. He was the angel that covered the throne of God in heaven.(Ezekiel 28:13-15.) You can't get much closer to God than to be in his throne room. But he wanted more than to be just a servant. His will was to become as God. He never surrendered his will to God.

Then we see Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Knowing his assignment, he chose to surrender his will to God. There was no pride in Jesus. He knew the price of being a servant. He may have asked God to remove the cup of death, but in Luke 22:42 it says, ***"...Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine, be done."***

God gives us the free will to choose who we will serve: God or Satan. There is no middle road. One road will lead to life eternal and the other to eternal separation from God. A surrendered will to God means we see ourselves crucified with Christ but know because of this we still live by Christ living in us. We have a life sentence, not a death sentence, because of a surrendered will.

Yes, pride came to Lucifer, but it came as a result of him choosing his will over God's. Let us always remember that we are not puppets. God gives us the freedom to determine who pulls our strings.