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THE DANGER OF PRIDE

He was the most beautiful of all angels. He led the worship in heaven. Imagine the awesomeness of that praise. God created him to worship, but instead of worshipping God, he chose to exalt himself above God. He not only thought himself equal to God, but also deceived one third of all of the angels. It cost him everything. His end is the lake of fire.

What was it that caused this? It was pride. Pride has been the downfall of so many. It destroys oneself but also destroys those it takes down with it. Any time that we take credit for anything good instead of giving God the glory, it is an act of pride.

Pride causes us to be self-centered, and not God-centered. Psalms 10:4 says, ***“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”*** In Proverbs 16:15 it says, ***“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”***

Kings, Presidents, Governors, husbands, wives and more have fallen to the spirit of pride. It comes in slowly, but it leaves its mark when the person falls. It is the most subtle and dangerous spirit that attacks a person. Rarely does a prideful person even realize their sin. They are so “stuck” on themselves, that they cannot see it. They have been blinded by Satan.

James says in 1:17, ***“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”*** We cannot take credit for any natural or supernatural gifts that God has given. If we do, it is prideful. Pride has to be dwelt with or a fall will come. Romans 12:3 says, ***“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”***

This shows me that thinking we are better than someone else is having a prideful spirit. God gives each of us gifts, but remember we, as Christians, belong to Him, and we must give Him the glory in all that we put our hand to. If not, then we are full of pride. No one can make anything great other than God. Anyone that has an attitude that he is the “man of the hour” is prideful, and a fall will surely come. Look at King Nebuchadnezzar that Russell has been teaching on. Pride brought him to a 7-year stint as a human animal eating grass until “he came to his senses” and acknowledged God was number one in his life.

Satan’s pride came in his words: “I will” and “I shall”. He wanted to be worshipped as the great I AM. His fall came, and he wants others to fall with him. Many seek power and worship just like Satan did. The spirit behind this is pride. Pride can be little things such as your looks, your job, your success, your money, your talent, etc. Let’s examine our own hearts so we have no evidence of pride in our lives. If we find it then we must repent so we avoid a fall.