

The Most Dangerous SIN in the Bible – Pt. 3

Ephesians 1:3;

PRINCIPLE #1. God has blessed us with **EVERY spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in **Christ**. The blessings of heaven are designed to meet your needs on earth. It would appear that there is a _____ in heaven for every _____ on earth. The heavenly atmosphere of blessings may explain why there are no needs in heaven.

God desires for His children on earth to possess the blessings of heaven or He would not have included verse 3 in Ephesians 1.

Jude 5-11;

Galatians 3:13-14;

Proverbs 16:5 – "Everyone who is **PROUD IN HEART** is an **ABOMINATION** to the Lord."

ABOMINATION – A person or thing that is **disgusting**; anything **greatly** _____ or **abhorred**; **intense aversion** or **loathing**; _____.

PRINCIPLE #2. PRIDE began in _____. It began with an archangel named Lucifer and it began in his **heart**. **PRIDE** can be concealed in the **heart** at the same time _____ is being displayed in the flesh. **PRIDE** can be hidden from others, but it cannot escape the eyes of the Lord. **2 Chronicles 16:9**;

God views the **PROUD** in heart as an **abomination** and that should _____ us. God not only knows **what** we do, but He knows **why** we do what we do.

Why does God dress in battle array to oppose the PROUD? He does it because **PRIDE** takes credit for everything that God has created, ordained, established, invested, and _____ in us. **PRIDE** takes the credit and wants the glory for someone else's creation and design. **PRIDE** exalts itself above and against the recognition and _____ the creative genius of God deserves.

PRIDE usurps the recognition, acknowledgement, and _____ that belong exclusively to God as creator, designer, inventor, and manufacturer. **PRIDE** despises the patent that God holds for all of the components He has invested in you. **PRIDE** is the root of all sin. **PRIDE** makes you an _____ of God and an ally of satan. **PRIDE** is an insult to the Spirit of grace by which we are saved. Ephesians 4:30 instructs us not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God. **PRIDE** grieves the Holy Spirit. **PRIDE** cost God the life of His Son on the cross.

PRINCIPLE #3. The first appearance of **PRIDE** occurred in the Garden of Eden when Eve exalted her will and desires above God's. **PRIDE** is not mentioned specifically there, but we know that **PRIDE** always involves exalting our will above God's.

PRIDE motivated Eve to disobey God when she **SAW that the tree was good for FOOD** [lust of the flesh], and that it was a **DELIGHT to the EYES** [lust of the eyes], and that it was **DESIRABLE to make one WISE** [PRIDE of life].

What are you SEEING, DELIGHTING in, and finding DESIRABLE that is connected to PRIDE where you are exalting your will over God's?

PRINCIPLE #4. There is a law in scripture known as **The Law of First Mention**. That Law simply says, that the first mention of a subject in scripture establishes an unchangeable pattern, with that subject remaining unchanged in the mind of God throughout scripture. It also involves going from the _____ to the _____.

The first time we see disobedience in scripture we see **satan, sin, separation from God**, and the establishment of _____. Disobedience also involved the **first death [of an innocent animal]**. **On a larger scale our sin cost God the life of His Son.**

Exodus 18:11;

PRINCIPLE #5. The first reference to **PRIDE** involves the acknowledgement that God **OPPOSED** the Egyptians because they had dealt **PROUDLY** against His people.

Leviticus 26:14-15; 16-19;

PRINCIPLE #6. This is the first actual mention of the word **PRIDE** and we find God opposing His children's **PRIDE OF POWER**. When people find themselves in a position of _____ and influence there is a great temptation to use it for their own benefit and that involves **PRIDE**.

Deuteronomy 8:11-14;

PRINCIPLE #7. God is warning Israel that when they begin to possess **POWER** after being liberated from slavery, as their flocks multiply, and their silver and gold multiply, and all that they have multiplies, there is a profound danger of their heart becoming **PROUD** and of their forgetting God who is the **SOURCE** of all they _____.

Deuteronomy 8:15-20;

PRINCIPLE #8. **GOD** led Israel out of slavery. **GOD** provided food and water in a place where there was none. **GOD** provided heat at night and shade in the daytime heat. Israel would not have survived the wilderness without **GOD**. Everything they possessed came from **GOD**, but He warns them of the danger of **saying in their heart, "My POWER and the strength of my hand made me _____."**

God then told Israel that He gave them the **POWER to make wealth** and He warned them that they would perish like their enemies if they _____ or rejected that truth. **The POWER God gives us can become a source of PRIDE.**

Ezekiel 24:21; 30:6; 18; 33:23-29; **PRIDE OF POWER** – accomplishment; ability; skill; performance; achievement; proficiency; competency; talent; position.

1 Peter 5:5; **"... FOR GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."**

PRINCIPLE #9. Pride is often easier to see in others than it is to see in ourselves. **PRIDE** begins in the heart and progresses to an external manifestation.

The exposure of **PRIDE** in Lucifer begins in Isaiah 14:13 with these words, **But you said in your HEART, I will ascend...I will raise...I will sit...I will make myself like the _____."**

What do you have of your _____ that you have to be **PROUD** of that did not originate with God? Are you in danger of the **PRIDE OF POWER** in your family, your relationships, your vocation, and God's Kingdom?

Galatians 6:14;

PRINCIPLE #10. There is a place for pride and boasting, but it's in the _____, not in _____.