

PRIDE/PROUD

SCRIPTURE - Malachi 4:1–6 “For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. ³ You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this,” Says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

DEFINITION

- A. Arrogant, High-Minded, Haughty, Boastful, Showing Oneself Above Others.
- B. Opposite Of Humility, Lowliness, Usually Refers To Those Disobedient And Rebellious To God.
- C. Always Used In An Evil Sense In The Bible

I. GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD

- A. DO NOT BE PROUD - Jeremiah 13:15 Hear and give ear: Do not be [proud], For the LORD has spoken.
- B. GOD DOES NOT HEAR THEM - Job 35:12 There they cry out, but He does not answer, Because of the [pride] of evil men.
- C. GOD HATES THE PRIDEFUL WAY - Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; [pride] and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.
- D. GOD WILL NOT ENDURE THEM - Psalms 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a [proud] heart, Him I will not endure.
- E. IT IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD - Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.
- F. GOD RESISTS THE PROUD
 - 1. 1 Pet 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the [proud] , But gives grace to the humble
 - 2. James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the [proud], But gives grace to the humble,

II. THE FRUIT OF PRIDE

- A. SHAME - Proverbs 11:2 When [pride] comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.
- B. STRIFE - Proverbs 13:10 By [pride] comes nothing but strife, But with the well advised is wisdom.
- C. DESTRUCTION - Proverbs 16: 18 [Pride] goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.
- D. IT WILL BRING HIM DOWN - Proverbs 29:23 A man's [pride] will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.
- E. THEY SCOFF AT OTHERS - Proverbs 21:24 A proud and haughty man; Scoffer" is his name; He acts with arrogant [pride].
- F. SAME CONDEMNATION AS THE DEVIL - 1 Timothy 3:6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with [pride] he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

III. THE SOURCE OF PRIDE

- A. IT IS OF THE WORLD - 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the [pride] of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.
- B. IT COMES FROM WITHIN - Mark 7:20–23 And He said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

IV. THE PROBLEM WITH PRIDE

- A. PERSECUTE THE POOR - Psalm 10:2–4 The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. ³ For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD. ⁴ The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.
- B. REJECTS GOD - Romans 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.
- C. STIRS UP STRIFE
 - 1. 1 Timothy 6:3-5 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.
 - 2. Proverbs 28:25 He who is of a [proud] heart stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered,
- D. HUMILITY IS BETTER - Proverbs 16:19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the [proud].
- E. PATIENCE IS BETTER - Ecclesiastes 7:8 The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the [proud] in spirit,
- F. THEY WILL BE BROUGHT LOW - Isaiah 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts Shall come upon everything [proud] and lofty, Upon everything lifted up; And it shall be brought low;

V. THE PENALTY OF THE PROUD

- A. IT IS A SIN
 - 1. Proverbs 21:4 A haughty look, a [proud] heart, And the plowing of the wicked are sin.
 - 2. Psalm 59:12 For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for the cursing and lying which they speak.
- B. THEY WILL BE BURNED UP - Malachi 4:1 For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the [proud], yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up, Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch."
- C. THEY WILL BE SCATTERED - Luke 1:51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the [proud] in the imagination of their hearts.
- G. THE RIGHTEOUS TURN FROM THEM - 2 Timothy 3:2-5 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, [proud], blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self— control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away.
- H. THEY WILL BE PUNISHED - Proverbs 16:5 Everyone [proud] in heart is an abomination to the LORD; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished,

CONCLUSION – ARE YOU GUILTY OF PRIDE?

- A. Do you consider yourself above others?
- B. Do you presume to know more than God?
- C. Do you see the problem with pride?
- D. One of the problems with pride is that no one recognizes it in their own life.