

1 John 2 - Defeating the Pride of Life

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1 John 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, **THE LUST OF THE FLESH**, and **THE LUST OF THE EYES**, and **THE PRIDE OF LIFE**, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

PRIDE OF LIFE:

1. who I am - one of the greatest deceptions of pride is taking credit for what God has given
2. what I deserve - the exaltation of self-perception fuels all manner of covetousness, jealousy, envy, resentment and strife, demanding what God has not given

Ezekiel 28:11-17

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 **THINE HEART WAS LIFTED UP BECAUSE OF THY BEAUTY, THOU HAST CORRUPTED THY WISDOM BY REASON OF THY BRIGHTNESS**: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 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!

13 **FOR THOU HAST SAID IN THINE HEART, I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN, I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD: I WILL SIT ALSO UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION, IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH**:

14 **I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS; I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH**.

HOW TO STAY FREE FROM PRIDE:

1. know God
2. know what you deserve
3. surrender to God's chastening trials
4. submit to other believers in relationship

KNOW GOD

Job 29:7–10

- 7 When I went out to the gate through the city, When I prepared my seat in the street!
8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves: And the aged arose, and stood up.
9 The princes refrained talking, And laid their hand on their mouth.
10 The nobles held their peace, And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

Job 29:14–17

- 14 **I PUT ON RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND IT CLOTHED ME: MY JUDGMENT WAS AS A ROBE AND A DIADEM.**
15 I was eyes to the blind, And feet was I to the lame.
16 I was a father to the poor: And the cause which I knew not I searched out.
17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked, And plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

Job 32:1-2

- 1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because **HE WAS RIGHTEOUS IN HIS OWN EYES.**
2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because **HE JUSTIFIED HIMSELF RATHER THAN GOD.**

Job 33:8–9

- 8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, And I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,
9 **I AM CLEAN WITHOUT TRANSGRESSION, I AM INNOCENT; NEITHER IS THERE INIQUITY IN ME.**

Job 42:1-6

- 1 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do every thing, And that no thought can be withholden from thee.
3 Who is he that hideth counsel Without knowledge? **THEREFORE HAVE I UTTERED THAT I UNDERSTOOD NOT; THINGS TOO WONDERFUL FOR ME, WHICH I KNEW NOT.**
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: **I WILL DEMAND OF THEE, AND DECLARE THOU UNTO ME.**
5 **I HAVE HEARD OF THEE BY THE HEARING OF THE EAR: BUT NOW MINE EYE SEETH THEE.**
6 **WHEREFORE I ABHOR MYSELF, AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES.**

KNOW WHAT YOU DESERVE

Isaiah 53:4-7

4 **SURELY HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEFS**, and **CARRIED OUR SORROWS**: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But **HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES: THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM**; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and **THE LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL**.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

SURRENDER TO GOD'S CHASTENING TRIALS

Daniel 4:28-37

28 All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

29 At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

30 The king spake, and said, **IS NOT THIS GREAT BABYLON, THAT I HAVE BUILT FOR THE HOUSE OF THE KINGDOM BY THE MIGHT OF MY POWER, AND FOR THE HONOUR OF MY MAJESTY?**

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

33 **THE SAME HOUR WAS THE THING FULFILLED UPON NEBUCHADNEZZAR**: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days **I NEBUCHADNEZZAR LIFTED UP MINE EYES UNTO HEAVEN, AND MINE UNDERSTANDING RETURNED UNTO ME, AND I BLESSED THE MOST HIGH**, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

35 **AND ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH ARE REPUTED AS NOTHING: AND HE DOETH ACCORDING TO HIS WILL IN THE ARMY OF HEAVEN, AND AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH: AND NONE CAN STAY HIS HAND, OR SAY UNTO HIM, WHAT DOEST THOU?**

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now **I NEBUCHADNEZZAR PRAISE AND EXTOL AND HONOUR THE KING OF HEAVEN**, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and **THOSE THAT WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO ABASE**.

SUBMIT TO OTHER BELIEVERS IN RELATIONSHIP

1 Peter 5:5

"Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. **YEA, ALL OF YOU BE SUBJECT ONE TO ANOTHER, AND BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY: FOR GOD RESISTETH THE PROUD, AND GIVETH GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**"