

PR“I”DE

Deut. 8:11-20

Introduction: The middle letter in the word pride is appropriately the letter “I” because I am likewise at the center of my pride. Pride is a problem that I don’t always see though “I” am in the middle of it. Pride is a terrible thing.

I. God hates the proud.

A. Pride is abomination to God (Prov. 16:5a). In fact, pride is the first thing on God’s list of abominations (Prov. 6:16-17).

B. “The Lord will destroy the house of the proud” (Prov. 15:25a).

C. Pride precedes destruction (Prov. 16:18; 18:12; 29:23; Psm. 101:5; Isa. 2:11-17).

II. Notice what happened in two Old Testament examples:

A. Uzziah (2 Chron. 26:3-5, 16-21). As long as Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him prosper. But once he was lifted up with pride, God brought him down.

B. Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4:28-33). When his reason returned to him, notice what Nebuchadnezzar learned (Dan. 4:37).

III. Pride is sin (Prov. 21:4).

A. Pride is an evil that comes from the heart (Mark 7:21-23).

B. Christians are to turn away from the proud (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

C. Coincidentally, “I” is the middle letter of pride as well as sin.

IV. Pride exalts oneself while it displaces God.

A. The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Lk 18:9-14).

B. Diotrefes (3 John 9-10).

C. Herod (Acts 12:20-23).

V. Pride was Satan’s downfall (1 Tim. 3:6; Isa. 14:12-15).

Conclusion: If Satan could fall to pride, do you think your pride is no threat to your soul? Pride is one of the main three causes that people lose their souls (1 John 2:15-17). Please take the “I” out of your pride. Return to the Lord this moment.