**Isaiah**

*Pride Goes Before Destruction*

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Background

* Why is pride so sinful? (gotquestions.org)
  + Pride is giving ourselves credit for something that God has accomplished.
  + Pride is taking the glory that belongs to God alone and keeping it for ourselves.
  + Pride is essentially self-worship.
  + Anything we accomplish in this world would not have been possible were if not for God enabling and sustaining us.
    - For who maketh thee to differ *from another*? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it*? (1 Cor 4:7)
* 18 ¶ Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. 19 ¶ Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. (Proverbs 16:18-19)
* *When* pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly *is* wisdom. (Prov 11:2)
* He loveth transgression that loveth strife: *and* he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction. (Prov 17:19)
* A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit. (Prov 29:23)
* Warning for Pastors
  + Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (1 Tim 3:6)
* The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts. (Psalms 10:4)
* Sermon on the Mount
  + Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)
* Notable People of Pride
  + Haman
    - 1 ¶ After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him. 2 And all the king’s servants, that *were* in the king’s gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence. 3 Then the king’s servants, which *were* in the king’s gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king’s commandment? 4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai’s matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. 5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. 6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai. (Esther 3:1-6)
  + 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*. (Dan 4:29-33)
  + Herod
    - 21 And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. 22 And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is* the voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. (Acts 12:21-23)

God’s Great Mercy ( v 1-3)

Death the Great Equalizer (v 4-11)

Lucifer ‘s Fall (v 12-24)

* heylel (hay-lale’)
  + AV-Lucifer 1; 1
    - Lucifer =" light-bearer"

1) shining one, morning star, Lucifer

* + - * + 1a) of the king of Babylon and Satan (fig.)

2) (TWOT) ‘Helel’ describing the king of Babylon

* And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. (2 Cor 11:14)
* I WILL
  + Ascend into Heaven
  + Exalt My Throne Above the Stars of God
  + Sit Upon the Mount of the Congregation
  + Ascend Above the Heights of the Clouds
  + Be Like the Most High