

Pride

Proverbs 18:12

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

The word *destruction* in the Hebrew is: a fracture, figuratively ruin.

The word *haughty* in the Hebrew is: to soar, that is, be lofty; figuratively to be haughty: - exalt.

Let's read the scripture this way: Before a fracture the heart of man soars, . . .

Let's read about the very first fracturing in the Bible, the one that occurred BEFORE Adam and Eve.

Isaiah 14:12-17

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.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Pretty haughty ambitions right? Where did it begin? In his HEART... Five times the word "I" is used by that old forked tongue . . .

What was the tactic he used when talking to Eve? You surely won't die, and you shall be as gods.

Proverbs 16:18

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Pride is: arrogancy, excellency (-lent), majesty, pomp, pride, proud, swelling.

Destruction has the same meaning as in Proverbs 18:12.

Look at what *haughty* means here: elation, grandeur, arrogance: - excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride.

We surely need to beware of the spirit of arrogancy.

Let's read that scripture this way: Arrogancy goes before a fracture, and an elated spirit before ruin.

How many times have we seen or heard someone say, "I don't need to listen to him."

How many times have we heard a young person say, "Why are you always treating me like a kid?" I don't know, because you are maybe!?

Proverbs 16:5

5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

Proverbs 8:13

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Jeremiah 48:29

29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud) his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.

Look at *loftiness*: elation, grandeur, arrogance: - excellency, haughty, height, high, loftiness, pride.

Arrogancy: arrogancy, excellency.

Pride: arrogance or majesty; by implication (concretely) ornament.

Haughtiness: (literally) elevation or (figuratively) elation.

What is the antidote to pride?

1 Peter 5:5

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.

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