

PRIDE

THE ORIGIN OF PRIDE FOUND IN:

1. The devil: Isaiah 14:13-15
Satan is certainly behind the spirit of pride. However, there are several interpretations of the fallen one in these verses. Satan may fit verses 12-14, but he does not fit with the rest of the chapter. Some feel this could also be descriptive of Sennacherib or Nebuchadnezzar. They were look on as gods.
Whether these verses refer to one or both, pride was Satan's sin as well.
2. Ambition/Arrogance: Daniel 5:20-23
Nebuchadnezzar's pride was his downfall.
Belshazzar knew what his predecessor had experienced and should have learned from it. However, his arrogance got in the way.
3. An evil heart: Mark 7:21, 22
An unregenerate heart contains all sorts of evil, sinful characteristics.
4. The world: 1 John 2:16
The things of this world do not come from the Father. Men of the world live for the cravings of sinful man.
5. Self-righteousness: Luke 18:11, 12
The Pharisee was more interested in letting others know how good he was instead of praying to God.
6. Unconcern for others: Ezekiel 16:49, 56
Sodom was guilty of other things besides the sexual sins. She was also charged because of arrogance, overfed, and unconcerned about the needy people within their reach.

THE EVILS OF PRIDE:

1. Hardens the mind: Daniel 5:20
The pride in Nebuchadnezzar reached such a level that it hardened his mind and spirit.
2. Produces spiritual decay: Hosea 7:9, 10
The pride of Israel brought about spiritual decay. Arrogance acknowledges no need of help from anyone. Pride must be given up before there can be any repentance of sin.
3. Keeps from real progress: Proverbs 26:12
Self conceit or pride blinds a person to his sense of need. A fool is better of than this person.
4. Hinders coming to God: Psalm 10:4
He can't come to God because his thoughts are that there is no room for God. He may succeed at many things and his pride in himself is no one can bring him down...not even God.

5. Issues in self deception: Jeremiah 49:16
Edom thought it was invincible because of its location. Edom was destroyed because of its pride.
6. Makes men reject God's Word: Jeremiah 43:2
Johanan and his men came to Jeremiah for God's approval of **their** plan rather than God's direction. They rejected and denied God even though He spoke to Jeremiah. We need to be careful that we don't seek God's approval of our desires instead of seeking Him for His plans.
7. Leads to ruin: Proverbs 16:18
Haughtiness and pride imply self confidence which will produce carelessness.
A fall in this verse literally means "sliding."

CHARACTERISTIC OF PRIDE

1. The Wicked: Psalm 73:6
Asaph in these verses (4-12) explained the prosperity that troubled him. He felt the wicked didn't seem to suffer trouble as other people do and they cover themselves with pride and violence.
2. World rulers: Hab. 2:4, 5
The Babylonians were conceited ("puffed up")
3. People in the last days: 2 Timothy 3:2
Lovers of themselves – selfish

OTHER SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

It is important to praise the Lord even when He provides abundance. When ceasing to do this, one's heart can become proud (verse 14)

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

An important reminder and realization that all really belongs to God. A good model we should live by – realizing that all we attain and have in life comes from God...not us!

Proverbs 6:16-19

The list of things God hates.

Proverbs 11:2

Pride leads to disgrace.

Proverbs 29:23

A proud man is usually despised. When he attempts to elevate himself, it will result in his being brought low.

Jeremiah 9:23, 24

God's warning in regards to becoming proud and boastful pertaining to one's wisdom and riches.

Matthew 6:1-4

Any good deeds you do, Jesus warns against the motives of doing them so that others will see what you are doing and the emphasis is placed on you and “what a wonderful person you are.” Anything we do should be that we are doing it for the Lord.

See also Matthew 20:26, 27

Luke 14:11

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

1 Corinthians 4:7

Everything we have, God gave to us. Anything we have should never become a foundation for self boasting.

James 4:6

God resists the proud.

1 Peter 5:5, 6

God’s recognition counts more than human praise. So don’t be consumed by position and status. That opens a door to pride. Keep yourself humbled before God.