

HUMILITY AND PRIDE IN DANIEL

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Humility: Submission to right authority.

Pride: Rebelling against right authority.

*Note: **Arrogance** will be used synonymously with **Pride***

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-11

“Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

WHY IS HUMILITY IMPORTANT?

“A man’s pride will bring him low,
But a humble spirit will obtain honor.”

Proverbs 29:23

”For though the LORD is exalted, Yet He
regards the lowly, But the haughty He
knows from afar.” Psalm 138:6

“Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;
and whoever humbles himself shall be
exalted.” Matthew 23:12

WHY IS HUMILITY IMPORTANT?

“Though He scoffs at the scoffers,
Yet He gives grace to the afflicted.” Proverbs 3:34

“You younger men, likewise, be subject
to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe
yourselves with humility toward one another,
for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES
GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.” 1 Peter 5:5

“In those days there was no king in Israel;
everyone did what was right in his own eyes.”
Judges 21:25

PRIDE IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO REASON

“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”

Romans 1:21

PRIDE IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO REASON

Example: Operation Market Garden (17–25 September, 1944)

Allied Commander: Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery



TWO CHOICES

- 1) We can follow Jesus and be humble.
(Philippians 2)
- 2) We can follow Satan and be proud.
(Isaiah 14)

INTRODUCTION TO DANIEL

- 1) Daniel is taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon in 605 BC.
- 2) Ezekiel is taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon in 597 BC.
- 3) Jerusalem (including the First Temple) is destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon in 586 BC.

DANIEL 1 – THE DEAL WITH ASHPENAZ

Question: Who is the humble and who is the proud?

Answer: Daniel, Hannaniah (Shadrach), Mishael (Mechach), and Azariah (Abed-nego) are humble. The proud are off stage at the moment.

Question: How does it work out for each party?

Answer: Daniel (and his friends) are exalted highly and were granted extraordinary wisdom.

DANIEL 2 – THE STATUE SITUATION

Question: Who is the humble and who is the proud?

Answer: Daniel is humble. The “wise men” of Babylon are proud.

Question: How does it work out for each party?

Answer: Daniel is made chief of the wise men and made ruler over the province of Babylon. The “wise men” are revealed to have no wisdom and are spared from death only by a young captive who serves a foreign God.

DANIEL 2 – THE STATUE SITUATION

“You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength and the glory; and wherever the sons of men dwell, *or* the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given *them* into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold.”

Daniel 2:37–38