



THE COST OF PRIDE

Pride seems to be one of those sins that tends to easily sneak up on us and entangle us, before we ever realize we're caught up in it. For that reason, we need to constantly be on guard against pride and its destructiveness.

Read James 4:6

Pride is so detestable to God, that the scripture tells us He opposes the proud.

What does it mean to oppose someone?

According to Google, to oppose means to disapprove of, attempt to prevent, and actively resist.

When we walk in pride, God disapproves, and He actively resists us.

Read 2 Kings 20:1-3

As I mentioned before, pride is one of those sins that sneak up on us. If you're not careful, it can be hard to miss.

What is the tell-tale sign that Hezekiah the king of Judah has an issue of pride?

Read 2 Kings 18:17 – 19:19

Hezekiah prayed two prayers, one in chapter 19, verses 14 through 19 and the other in chapter 20, verse 3. Both prayers were in response to some very unsettling news.

The first prayer, in chapter 19, rightfully focused on God and His Lordship. Unfortunately, the second prayer, in chapter 20, focuses on king Hezekiah himself and what he had done.





Make no mistake, anytime we approach God with highlights of who we are and what we've done and fail to put the focus on who He is and what he has done, we have surely fallen into pride.

Hezekiah failed to realize that God doesn't owe us a long life because we serve and obey Him. But rather, we owe Him everything because He gave us life and provided the way for our salvation. What we have done and what He has done, is not even comparable.

As we read further into chapter 20, we find Hezekiah falling deeper and deeper into pride.

Read 2 Kings 20:12-18

In verse 15, the Prophet Isaiah asked Hezekiah what did the men from Babylon see in his palace. Finish Hezekiah's response: "They saw _____

_____.

Hezekiah, deep in the throes of pride, foolishly showed the men of Babylon everything that was in his palace. By his own admission, there was nothing he held back.

If we aren't intentional about falling out of pride, we will eventually fall because of pride.

In chapter 20:16-18, Isaiah shares a word from the Lord, informing Hezekiah that the day is coming when everything stored up in his palace, will be carried off to Babylon. And not just possessions, but some of his own descendants would also be carried away to Babylon.

In other words, the same nation Hezekiah allowed into his palace and foolishly showed everything he owned, would be the same nation that would eventually overtake Judah, all that they own, and some of their people, as well.





One can never win with pride. And if you allow it to persist in your life, like Hezekiah, you will eventually experience a hard fall.

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