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DOCTRINE OF GRACE, 30.
PRIDE 1.

PHI 2:1 Since therefore there is encouragement in Christ, since there is comfort from virtue-love, since there is fellowship of the Spirit, since there is tenderesses and compassions,

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PHI 2:2 Bring to completion my inner happiness [in your life] by thinking the same things, maintaining the same virtue-love, united in soul, concentrating on the same objective.

PHI 2:3 Do nothing motivated by contentiousness or empty conceit,

(Y) The Doctrine of Pride.

Point 1. Definition.

Pride is the basic mental attitude sin.

Pride is exaggerated self-esteem, conceit, subjective thinking, and arrogance.

Pride is also an elevated self-respect.

Vanity is an excessive desire for attention, approval and praise from others.

Words used for pride include conceit, egotism, haughtiness, vanity, arrogance, vain glory.

Point 2. Pride Was Both the Original Sin of Satan and the Motivation for His Fall, Isa 14:12-14.

First, "*I will ascend to heaven*" which is a reference to his dissatisfaction with the authority and position which God had given him.

"I will raise my throne above the stars of God", this refers to sitting on the throne of God and ruling all the angels.

Then the third "I will", I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north is a phrase which refers to the seat of divine government on planet earth.

The fourth I will is found in Isa 14:14 "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds" which refers to the glory which belongs to God alone;

And then probably the most shocking "I will", the fifth one, "I will make myself like the Most High."

Arrogance and pride always assume and presumes.

The desire to be well-thought of by others is also subjective arrogant thinking and a part of pride.

Eze 28:17 emphasizes Satan's pride and approbation lust when it says, "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor."

In EZE 28, we meet the devil in all of his glamour, beauty, and glory, and to understand what part pride and arrogance played in the angelic conflict.

The king of Tyre was one the few individuals in human history who was possessed by Satan, just like the serpent in the garden and Judas Iscariot who betrayed our Lord.

The phrase "You had the seal of perfection" is very important because it refers to all of the creatures to come from the hand of God, Satan was the most beautiful, the wisest, the most personable creature ever created.

Satan was indeed in Adam's Eden, the garden of God, however, he did not appear there as a minister of God, but as an apostate and venomous serpent eager for the ruin of the new creation.

The adorning with jewels suggests his significant importance and the glory of his appearance.

Even in the Garden of Eden, his name nahash, translated "serpent," means 'the shining one.'

2CO 11:14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

- (a) In the high priest's breastplate as a manifestation of divine grace.
- (b) In the New Jerusalem, which reflects the glory of God.
- (c) As the covering of this great angel, which signalizes the highest of all creation.

In verse 13, notice the phrase; “the workmanship of your settings and sockets” refers to the fact that Satan did not need an instrument to praise and glorify God, he was given a built-in Royal crown of praise to praise to his Creator.

He did not need an instrument of praise to glorify his Creator; he was an instrument of praise.

We seem to pass from the royalty of Satan to his priestly dignity where he is said to have been the Anointed Cherub that covers by God's appointment.

The word anointed here means the Messiah's personal angel.

He is also said to have been upon the Holy Mountain of God and to have walked up and down in the midst of the Stones of Fire.

The holy mountain of God is the place of His presence in visible glory, where His High Priest would stand before Him to minister, Exo 4:27, Psa 2:6.

EXO 4:27 Now the Lord said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness." So he went and met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.

PSA 2:6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

The cherubim were the group of angels related to the throne of God as protectors and defenders of His holiness.

We can conclude that this great angel was created above all angels to be a proctor and defender of the throne of God.

Do not be surprised when you run into someone who is supposed to protect and defend the authority over them, but instead attacks it and discredits it.

I say "their father" in the sense that John the apostle said it when he called believers children or sons of the devil, 1Jo 3:10.

They are called technical students because they look for a technology of information from Satan.

DAN 12:4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

Our Lord's students are called *mathētēs*, which means a disciple who progressively learns the Word of God to become a growing disciple who reaches spiritual maturity and glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ.

You can be a believer and still be called a teknon or mathetes.

Isn't it interesting that God placed Lucifer there knowing that he eventually was going to rebel and start a conspiracy against God.

God would not be just and righteous, if He created his creatures with a free will, and then decided NOT to create them when He saw they would make choices against Him.

Here's where we get the statement, the first sinner of all creatures was Satan.

The phrase the abundance of your trade refers to his genius plans.

This is why when Satan sinned, one third of the angelic creatures went with him, because he said he had plans for them.

Perhaps he promised them what a lot of conspirators promise their victims, promotion!

The word for trade, ***rekullah*** is also translated slander, it means to go about in order to traffic something against someone, or to slander, or to try and destroy someone's reputation by trafficking gossip and slander.

It speaks of "peddling things" for the sake of personal gain.

It indicates the going about among the angels which was necessary for Satan to do to secure their allegiance to his program of rebellion and conspiracy against God.

This refers to Satan's first fall, his second fall is mentioned next which will come in the Tribulation period.

This will all take place before the Millennial reign of Christ and after it as well!

God records the origin, the estate, the character, and the sin of the greatest of angels.

One of the reasons is simply because he wants us to see the devastating effects of arrogance and pride.

Arrogance basically has to do with thought while pride has to do with action.

PRO 8:13 "Respect for the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate."

ISA 13:11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud,

The difference has to do with thought and action, though they are very closely related at certain times.

This passage brings out the fact that God did not create Satan as such, He created an angel who was perfect in all his ways, and that angel sinned by opposing the will of God.

1. Through the degenerating power of sin, Satan, as did Adam, became an entirely different being from that which God originally created.

As a part of divine blessing they must be given a free will or a choice to either accept or reject the offer of God.

2. When God creates a being to fulfill a certain purpose, that being must be a perfect fulfillment of that divine pattern.

3. This is why we need to identify the purpose for which Satan was created and evaluate the qualities which were his in view of that purpose.

The reason why God created Satan as a beautiful intelligent angel is not so he would have enough power to deceive us, but God originally created Satan to be a protector and defender of the throne of God.

4. By his sin, he lost his original holiness and heavenly position, but he retains his wisdom and beauty while at the same time, he has turned his surpassing abilities into ways of evil.

His wisdom and his understanding have been perverted to the level of lies, deceptions, snares, and conspiracies.

5. Satan's office was originally to protect the Throne of God and to forbid the approach of evil or any unrighteousness.

Like most of God's creatures, including born again believers, Satan rejected the plan of God for his life and chose his own plans over the plan of God.

Every time, a believer says no to the PPOG for his life, he is agreeing with the viewpoint of Satan who said no to the plan of God for his life.

6. The unrighteousness found in Satan was the sin of independence and self-exaltation.

7. Satan is said to have been upon the Holy Mountain of God as the Anointed Cherub that covereth, and it appears to have been the great High Priest of his realm.

8. Satan also appears to have been the highest angel and therefore the King over his creation.

9. He was perfect in all his ways and continued so for a length of time.

Human pride can be offset by the ability to think and to relate yourself to life properly.

Pride is subjective thinking related to self-consciousness of the soul.

Satan's subjectivity destroyed his wisdom.

(Y) Point 3. Pride is Also a Human Sin.

Pressure put on pride causes jealousy to pop up.

If the arrogant person is petty, he also becomes vindictive.

Pride, jealousy, pettiness, vindictiveness, and implacability, all go together.

In 1Ti 3:6, the novice has blind pride.

In 1Ti 6:34, those who reject doctrine are said to be arrogant and proud.

In 2Ti 3:2, rejection of authority is a part of pride.

According to 1Jo 2:15-16, to love the world which means living in Satan's cosmic system is manifestation of pride.

The boastful pride of life is love of the world or worldliness.

Point 4. Pride Is Related to Personal Degeneracy.

PRO 16:18 Pride {goes} before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Pride and arrogance will lead to a combination of punitive actions from God, along with much self-induced discipline.

And that's why JAM 4:6 says God makes war against the proud."

Humility is grace orientation and makes a believer a friend of God.

Proud believers seek to control others through pseudo-norms, taboos, being critical, maligning, etc.

Pride divorces the individual from reality.

Unbeliever reversionism related to pride is found in Rom 1:28-30.

Childhood arrogance and pride comes from parents wanting to win the affection of their children rather than establishing their authority.

Point 5. Pride Is Related to National Reversionism.

Lev 26:19 "I will break down your pride of power."

In 2Ch 32:26, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart [right lobe] so that the wrath of Jehovah did not come on the Jews."

The Jews were destroyed because of national arrogance, Isa 9:9.

Pride leads to a manifestation in boasting, Isa 28.

In Eze 7:10, the Jews were divorced from reality and not prepared to meet the enemy.

Arrogance makes people unprepared for battle; HOS 7:10-14.

(Y) Point 6. Pride Related to God.

