

Pride Comes Before a Fall
“Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor. I cast you to the ground: I expose you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.”
Ezekiel 28:17

This verse serves as a profound warning against the destructive power of pride, this verse, often interpreted as addressing both the King of Tyre and the primordial fall of Satan, highlights how self-exaltation and vanity distort God given gifts, leading to a catastrophic fall from grace.

What is the danger of pride: The passage illustrates that pride is the root of rebellion, causing individuals to trust in their own beauty, wisdom, or status rather than their Creator. When good gifts like beauty and wisdom are used for self-glorification, they become corrupted, leading to spiritual blindness and downfall. King of Tyre grew arrogant due to his wealth, trade, and beauty which led to a proud heart and forgot who gave him this.

Humility and source of goodness, reminds believers that all talents and beauty are gifts from God. Allowing these gifts to inflate one's ego separates the individual from God, whereas recognizing their divine source fosters humility and gratitude. Instead, of King Tyre using his gifts wisely or justly, the ruler allowed his vanity to wrap his judgment.

What is the Cost of Self-Worship? The imagery of being cast down and exposed before kings serves as a stark reminder of the consequences of arrogance. It calls for self-reflection, urging believers to guard against self-worship and to rely on God's grace rather than their own understanding or achievements. God brings about a public humbling, casting the ruler down so that surrounding nations and kings witness his fall.

Believers are encouraged to examine their hearts for any seeds of pride, pray for humility, and recommit to using their gifts for God's glory rather than personal acclaim. Satan who was created full of wisdom and beauty fell due to his pride. This verse serves as a reminder that together they give a fuller portrait, that the fall was both an ambition to be above God and a refusal to glorify God. This verse teaches us that corruption is not an external force but an internal infection of the heart.

But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6

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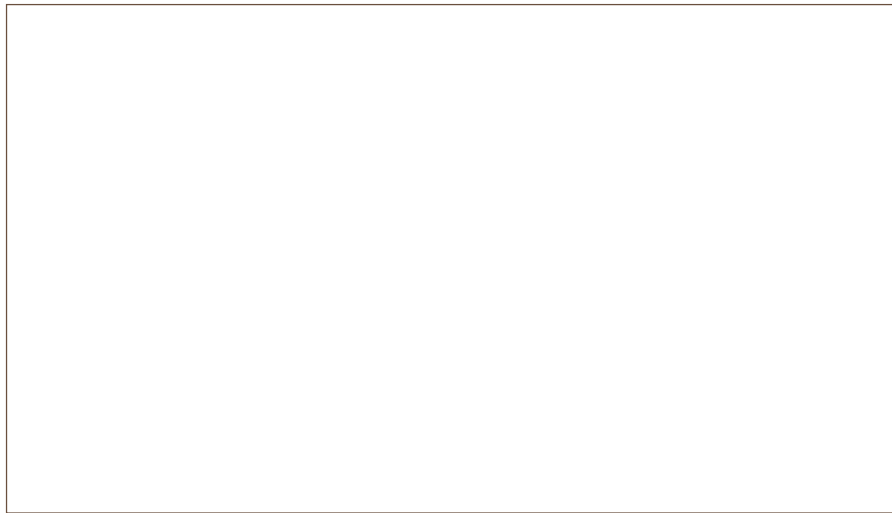
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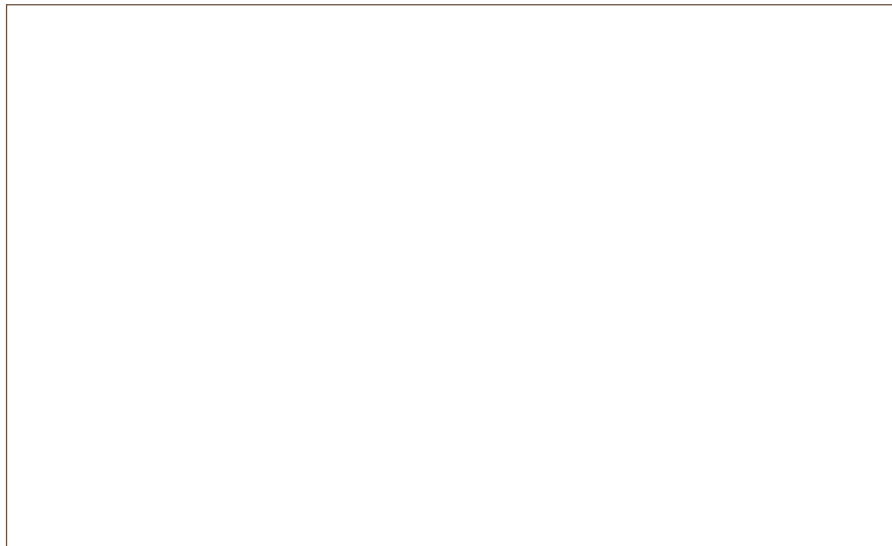
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Message Notes

How will you put what you've learned into practice in your marriage this week?



Our Prayers



Memory Verse

*"Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall."
Proverbs 16:18*

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