THE PRIDE OF LIFE

1 JOHN 2:15-17, ISAIAH 14:12-15, EZEKIAL 28:11-17

THE PERFECTION OF HIS CREATION *Ezekial 28:11-17*

A. HIS BEAUTY AND WISDOM WERE GIFTS FROM GOD —VERSE 12

***"Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty."* —Ezekiel 28:12, KJV**

HIS SPLENDOR TESTIFIED TO THE GREATNESS OF HIS CREATOR.

GOD CREATED GOODNESS. EVERYTHING GLORIOUS COMES FROM GOD!

B. GOD APPOINTED HIS POSITION —VERSE 14

"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so." —Ezekiel 28:14, KJV

AN APPOINTMENT TO SERVE GOD NEVER GIVES US PERMISSION TO TAKE GOD'S PLACE. THE HIGHER THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE DEEPER OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD SHOULD BECOME. YOUR POSITION IS A STEWARDSHIP, AND GOD WILL ASK HOW YOU USED IT.

C. HIS ORIGINAL BLAMELESSNESS CAME FROM GOD —VERSE 15

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."
—Ezekiel 28:15, KJV

PAST PRIVILEGE NEVER EXCUSES PRESENT DISOBEDIENCE.

THE PERVERSION OF HIS HEART *Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:13–14*

THE GIFT WAS GOOD. THE HEART'S RESPONSE BECAME "LIFTED UP"/CORRUPT.THAT IS THE PERVERSION OF PRIDE: TAKING SOMETHING GOD GAVE US FOR HIS GLORY AND USING IT TO ESTABLISH OUR OWN GREATNESS.

Sin does not begin only when the hand reaches, the mouth speaks, or the feet walk away. It begins when the heart entertains a desire that challenges God's authority. Before pride becomes rebellion in our conduct, it becomes resistance in our hearts.

-I will ascend into heaven — pride demands a higher place.

-I will raise my throne above God's stars — pride demands supremacy.

-I will sit on the mount of assembly — pride demands the seat of authority.

-I will ascend above the clouds — pride refuses its limits.

-I will make myself like the Most High — pride claims God's place.

The window vs. the mirror

THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS REBELLION *Ezekiel 28:16–17; Luke 10:18*

PRIDE PROMISES ELEVATION, BUT IT PRODUCES DEVASTATION. THE HEART BECAME PROUD, WISDOM BECAME CORRUPTED, AND GOD CAST HIM DOWN. THE GIFTS THAT SHOULD HAVE INSPIRED WORSHIP BECAME THE OCCASION FOR REBELLION.



James 4:6 *“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”*

1 Peter 5:5 *“Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

