



God Gives Grace To The Humble

James 4:1-6

The Old Testament book of Proverbs is full of statements about pride.

Our text in James 4 and 6 quotes Proverbs 3:36, "God _____ the proud, but He gives grace to the humble."

Look what tops the _____ of things that God hates: "A proud _____" (Proverbs 6:16).

"Surely He (God) _____ the scornful, but gives grace to the humble" (Proverbs 3:34).

"The fear of the Lord is to _____ evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate" (Proverbs 8:13).

"When pride comes, then comes _____: but with the humble is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2).

"By pride comes nothing but _____, but with the well advised is wisdom" (Proverbs 13:10).

"In the _____ of a fool is a rod of pride, but the lips of the _____ will preserve them" (Proverbs 14:3).

"The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom. And before _____ is humility" (Proverbs 15:33).

"Everyone proud in _____ is an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 16:5).

"Pride goes before destruction; and a haughty spirit before a _____. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the _____ with the proud" (Proverbs 16:18-19).

"Do you see a man wise in his _____ eyes? There is more _____ for a fool than for him" (Proverbs 26:12).

"Let another man praise you and not your own _____; a stranger and not your own lips" (Proverbs 27:2).

"A man's pride will bring him _____, but the humble in spirit will retain honor" (Proverbs 29:23).

"If you have been _____ in exalting yourself, or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth.

For as the churning of milk produces butter, and wringing the nose produces blood, so the forcing of wrath produces strife" (Proverbs 30:32-33).

That gives us an idea of what _____ thinks about "pride" and "humility."

Christ also had something _____ to say about "pride" and "humility." When His disciples asked Him about who is _____, He "called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, Assuredly,

I say to you, unless you be converted and _____ as little children, you will by no means enter into the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever _____ himself as this little child is the greatest in the

kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:1-5). He pronounced _____ upon the Scribes and the Pharisees.

"Whoever _____ himself, will be humbled and whoever _____ himself will be exalted" (Matthew 23:12). His most powerful lesson about these things is found in His _____, the example that He set when He washed His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17).

Paul, an apostle specially chosen out of due time, a truly _____ man of God, the man God chose to write more of the New Testament than any other person, inspired by the Holy Spirit, expressed a very humble attitude of himself (1 Corinthians 3:5-7 and chapter 15:9-11). After quoting the Proverb read in our text, James adds the thought: "Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will _____ from you." It's quoted again by Peter and he adds, "Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty _____ of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6). "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more _____ than he ought to think, but to think _____, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3).

It's likely that "pride" is the one thing that _____ people from becoming Christians. The Lord's way of salvation is to confess with your _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Romans 10:8-9). A person must change his heart and stop sinning; the _____ requires it and calls it "repentance." Finally, to have the "remission of sins" a person must be _____ (Acts 2:38). In baptism a person comes to the _____ for forgiveness. In baptism a person _____ from out of Christ to "in to Christ" (Galatians 3:26-27).

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