

The Sin of Pride (Puritan Quotations)

“Of all sins, pride is most dangerous to the souls of men. Pride is a sin that will put the soul upon the worst of sins. Pride is a gilded misery, a secret poison, a hidden plague. It is the engineer of deceit, the mother of hypocrisy, the parent of envy, the moth of holiness, the blinder of hearts, the turner of medicines into maladies, and remedies into diseases. It is the original and root of most of those notorious vices that are to be found among men.” **Thomas Brooks**

“Pride is Satan’s disease. Pride is so base a disease, that God had rather see his dearest children to be buffeted by Satan, than that in pride they should be like Satan [2 Cor. 2:7]... Humility makes a man like to angels, and pride makes an angel a devil. Pride is worse than the devil, for the devil cannot hurt you until pride has possessed you. If you would see the devil portrayed to the life—look upon a proud soul; for as face answers to face, so does a proud soul answer to Satan. Proud souls are Satan’s apes, and none imitate him to the life like these. And oh that they were sensible of it, before it be too late, before the door of darkness be shut upon them!” **Thomas Brooks**

“Spiritual pride is the lifting up of the mind against God; it is a tumor and swelling in the mind, and lies in despising and slighting of God, his word, promises, and ordinances, and in the lifting up of a man’s self, by reason of birth, breeding, wealth, honor, place, relation, gifts or graces, and in despising of others. Of this spiritual pride Habakkuk speaks, chapter 2:4, ‘His heart that is lifted up in him, is not upright.’” **Thomas Brooks**

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty mind before a fall,’ Proverbs 16:18, 18:12. Herod fell from a throne of gold—to a bed of dust. Nebuchadnezzar fell from the state of a mighty king—to be a beast. Adam fell from innocence to mortality. The angels fell from heaven to hell—from felicity to misery.” **Th. Brooks**

“Pride is the most dangerous of all sins, for both it is most insinuating [subtle, under the radar], having crept into heaven and Paradise, and most dangerous where it is. For where all other temptations are about evil, this alone is conversant only about good things, and one dram of it poisons many measures of grace.” **Joseph Hall**

“Pride sets men in opposition against God; in other sins, men run away from God, but pride is a coming against God... Pride makes men like the devil; it is the devil’s disease, and far worse than the French [plague] or any other foul disease.” **A. Jones**

“God abhors them worst who adore themselves most. Pride is not a Bethel (that is, a house where God dwells) but a Babel (that is, a noisome dungeon in which Satan abides).” **William Secker**

“Pride comprehends all vice. It is a spiritual drunkenness; it flies up as wine into the brain and intoxicates it. It is idolatry; a proud man is a self-worshiper... Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord.” **Thomas Watson**

“No wild beast in a toil doth more rave and tear and rend than a proud man when he is reprov’d.” **John Owen**

The Sin of Pride (Bible Verses, NKJV)

Job 40:12a Look on everyone who is proud, and bring him low.

Ps. 12:3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things.

Ps. 94:2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render punishment to the proud.

Ps. 101:5 The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, him I [David] will not endure.

Ps. 119:21 You rebuke the proud—the cursed, who stray from Your commandments.

Prov. 6:16 These six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood.

Prov. 8:13b Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

Prov. 15:25a The LORD will destroy the house of the proud...

Prov. 16:5 Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD; though they join forces, none will go unpunished.

Prov. 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Isa. 14:12-15)

Jer. 9:23 Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches.”

Jer. 50:29b Repay [Babylon] according to her work; according to all she has done, do to her; for she has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.

Ezk. 16:49 Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: she and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness... ⁵⁰ And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit.

Mal. 3:15a So now we call the proud blessed, for those who do wickedness are raised up.

Mal. 4:1 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up.”

Mk. 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

Lk. 18:14 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Rm. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting... ³⁰ proud, boasters, *etc.*

Rm. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

1 Cor. 8:1b Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. ² And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

1 Cor. 13:4b Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me.

1 Tim. 3:6 [An overseer must not be] a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

Jm. 4:6b God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

1 Jn. 2:16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.