

Pride and It's Negative Effects

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“These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination to the LORD – a proud look...”

David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Obadiah, Malachi, Mark, Paul, and John among others speak to the issue of pride. It is said to be a particularly dangerous sin because of its destructive effects. It flows from within and causes the heart to become cold toward God. It brings shame, contention, destruction and deception. It is said to defile the one who entertains it and propels its owner into self-destruct. It impels the human herd to fall into the condemnation of the devil.

History is replete with examples of men and women who have fallen due to its seductive appeal. It has taken its toll on leaders who have kept company with it. Many leaders, gripped by its charm, have been deposed and abased. God does not tolerate this grievous sin long. He silences, cuts off, rebukes, judges and brings low those with the proud look. Scripture declares, “the proud will be punished and the Day of Judgment will burn them up”.