

# “PRIDES DISTRUCTION”

We're warned to guard our hearts against pride lest we too "fall into the same condemnation as HaSatan. As we are told in **II Timothy 3:2,4**: “Men shall be lovers of their own selves, boasters, proud, heady, high-minded.” So I believe this is a timely message, warning men of the Sin and Destruction of Pride, due to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)’s hatred for it and His judgment against it.

Pride is excessive belief in one's own abilities that interferes with the individual's recognition of the unmerited favor of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Pride is also known as Haughtiness, Arrogance, Conceit, Inordinate self esteem, Vanity, and Vain glory. As I search the Word of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), I find that **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) hates the Sin of Pride seemingly more than any other sins.

Truly **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) hates all sin, and will punish all sin if not forgiven; for **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) cannot condone anything contrary to His Qadosh (holy) nature. But His hatred seems to go out more forcibly against this sin of pride, for it robs Him of His esteem; and through rebellious, sinful men, pride even tries to take Him off His throne.

The sin of pride is the Sin of Sins. It was this sin, we're told, which transformed HaSatan, an anointed Malak (Angel) of **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah), the very seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty, into HaSatan, the father of lies, the one for whom Gehenna (Hades) was created.

## PRIDE

**אֵלֹהִים** (Pride) = **Gimal** א = Gather, Walk. **Aleph** א = Strong, Power, Leader. **Hey** ה = Look, Reveal, Breath.

Pride (Gaah, 1344 = Pride) from the Root (1347 = Redemption), which occurs a total of twenty-three (23) times. Included are the ideas of arrogance, and cynical insensitivity to the needs of others. Pride is both a disposition, an attitude and a type of conduct.

The synonym gaba means "to be high." While used in a variety of senses, the normal meaning is pride or arrogance, in particular "an inner attitude of pride," often linked with parts of the human body ( **Isaiah 2:11** **Isaiah 2:17** ). There is pride of the eyes ( **Psalms 101:5** ; **Isaiah 5:15** ); of the heart ( **Ezekiel 28:2** **Ezekiel 28:5** **Ezekiel 28:17** ); of the spirit ( **Proverbs 16:18** ; **Ecclesiastes 7:8** ); and of one's mouth/speech ( **1 Samuel 2:3** ). A classic text **Jeremiah 48:29** includes the words "pride," "conceit," "arrogance," and "haughtiness".

Fifteen (15) Tanakh (OT) texts contain the word "arrogance", nearly half of them (7) in the prophets ( **Isaiah 2:17** ; **9:9** ; **13:11** ; **Jeremiah 13:15** ; **48:29** ; **Ezekiel 7:10** ; **Hosea 5:5** ; **7:10** ). Five (5) references are in poetical texts ( **Job 35:12** ; **Psalms 10:2** ; **17:10** ; **73:8** ; **Proverbs 8:13** ), and three (3) others are found in **Deuteronomy 1:43** ; **1 Samuel 2:3** ; **15:23** .

What constitutes a "Proud" person? The negative sense points to a sinful individual who shifts ultimate confidence from **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) his creator to himself. In the Wisdom literature, "the Proud" are distinct from "the Righteous" and "the Humble." Here the term is applied to non-Yasharalites, rather than to Yasharal (Israel). The Septuagint uses hyperephano, meaning one

who is insolent, presumptuous, or arrogant, a scoffer or a mocker ( **Psalms 119:21 Psalms 119:51 ; Proverbs 3:34** ). When the prophets accuse Yasharal (Israel) of Pride ( **Jeremiah 13:9 ; Ezekiel 7:10; Ezekiel 7:20 ; 16:56 ; Hosea 5:5 ; 7:10 ; Amos 6:8 ; 8:7 ; Zephaniah 2:10** ), the word hybristes connotes a wanton, insolent person. Thus, in the Tanakh (OT) books, the prideful are generally associated with the wicked, the arrogant, the presumptuous (failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate), and those who are insolent (showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect) toward **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah).

Most of the adjectives joined with "pride" in the Tanakh (OT) are negative in connotation, including words such as "stubborn" ( **Leviticus 26:19** ), "overweening" ( **Isaiah 16:6** ), "willful" ( **Isaiah 10:12** ), and "great" ( **Jeremiah 13:9** ).

Most of the synonyms give a negative sense: contempt ( **Psalms 31:18** ); wrongdoing ( **Job 33:17** ); arrogance ( **Proverbs 8:13 ; Isaiah 2:11 Isaiah 2:17 ; 9:9** ); insolence ( **Isaiah 16:6** ); and conceit ( **Jeremiah 48:29** ).

The Sin of Pride is a preoccupation with self. It is very fitting that the middle letter in the word is "I." Pride is all about "me, myself, and I." So even as the word "pride" is centered upon an "I," the sin itself is also centered upon "I."

"How you are fallen from Shamym (Heavens), O Shining one (helel Strong's #:1966), son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: **"I"** will ascend into Shamym (Heavens), **"I"** will exalt my throne above the stars of **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah); **"I"** will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; **"I"** will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **"I"** will be like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. **Isaiah 14:12-15**.

Our fall begins with **"I"**. If you are preoccupied with yourself, you are suffering from the Sin of Pride. Shaul (Paul) said, "Knowledge Puffs UP, but Love Builds UP (edifies).

### **THE THINGS **אֲיָהוָה** (YAHUAH) HATES**

Pride heads the list of the seven (7) deadly sins held to be fatal to spiritual progress, which are: Pride, Covetousness, Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Envy and Slothfulness.

A Proud look (1), a lying tongue (2), hands that shed innocent blood (3), a heart that devises wicked plans (4), feet that are swift in running to evil (5), a false witness who speaks lies (6), and one who sows discord among brethren (7). My son, keep your father's commandment, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. " **Proverbs 6:16-20**.

If you notice carefully you will see that number one (1) on this list of Sins which **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah) hates is the Sin of Pride - "a Proud look". Why is that? Consider; Pride is the Sin that caused the archangel to fall into destruction. Pride is the Sin that led Yasharal (Israel) to reject all the prophets that **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah) sent to warn them of their evil ways.

So we see then that **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah)'s Word plainly declares that He hates Pride, for it is an Abomination to Him as we read in **Proverbs 16:5**: "Every one that is Proud in Heart is an Abomination to **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah)." That word "Abomination" means that **אֲיָהוָה** (Yahuah) loathes, abhors, and is disgusted with every one who is Proud in Heart. Pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, do I hate" **Proverbs 8:13**.

Pride is a sin, a wicked sin. "A high look, and a Proud Heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is Sin" **Proverbs 21:4**. You see, Pride merits no divine response. Yea, **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) revolts from it: "Though **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) be high, yet he has respect unto the lowly: but the Proud he knows afar off" **Psalms 138:6**.

Therefore we read that destruction accompanies Pride, **Job 26:12**: " **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) will destroy the house of the Proud. **Proverbs 15:25**" Also in **Proverbs 16:18** we read: "Pride (Arrogance) goes before Destruction and a Haughty (Arrogance/Arrogant) spirit before a fall." Oh how we need to hear **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah)'s Word that he hates the Proud in Heart, and that if he turn not in repentance, **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) will cast the Proud man into Gehenna (Hades).

The Scriptures not only abound with references which show **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah)'s hatred of this Sin, but they also describe a Proud, Haughty, Conceited, Vain, Glorious, Boastful man as being a child of HaSatan. Why? Because when HaSatan was in Shamym (Heavens) as the highest created being in the universe, the head Malak (Angel), his Heart was lifted up in Pride and he fell to become HaSatan, the deceiver.

Also the Word of **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) describes Pride as being the source of contention among men: "Only by Pride comes contention...He that is of a Proud Heart stirs up strife: but he that putts his trust in **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) shall be made fat" **Proverbs 13:10; 28:25**.

"Thus says **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah): 'In this manner I will ruin the Pride of Yahudah (Judah) and the great pride of Yarusalym (Jerusalem). This evil people who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the imagination of their Heart, and walk after other Aluhym to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing'.... Hear and give ear: do not be proud, for **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) has spoken....But if you will not hear it, my soul will weep in secret for your Pride;" **Jeremiah 13: 9,10,15,16**

Pride is the Sin that caused the Pharisees to reject **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) as their Mashiach (Messiah) and crucify Him instead. Pride is the Sin of the Assembly of Laodicea that led to their incredible blindness.

### **Parable of Nebuchadnezzar**

The great Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, suffered from the Sin of Pride and lost his kingdom for it. His story is given to us so that we might learn our lesson from him, the lesson being: **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah) is quite able to humble the Proud and more than happy to do so. After being warned by Daniel the prophet of **אֲיָאֵל** (Yahuah), Nebuchadnezzar looked out across the great city of Babylon and said in his Pride, "Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"

While the words were still in his mouth, a voice spoke from Shamym (Heavens), "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." And at "that very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of Shamym (Heavens) till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws."

Nebuchadnezzar was later given the opportunity to repent and upon doing so he was given back his kingdom by **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s unmerited favor. This is what he learned through his ordeal: "At the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to Shamym (Heavens), and my understanding returned to me; and I Baruk (Blessed) the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of Shamym (Heavens) and among the inhabitants of the earth.

No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, 'What have you done?' At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. Now I, The lesson we are to learn from Nebuchadnezzar's experience is this: "those who walk in pride He is able to put down."

### **Parable of Belshazzar**

Nebuchadnezzar was extended **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s unmerited favor and he repented of the sin of Pride. His grandson however was not given the same opportunity. Perhaps that is because Nebuchadnezzar's experience was meant to serve as a lesson to us all, and Belshazzar, who knew of his grandfather's rebuke, refused to learn his grandfather's lesson. On the night of King Belshazzar's demise, Daniel the prophet stood before him and said, "'O king, the Most High Aluhym gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him.

Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in Pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of Shamym (Heavens), till he knew that the Most High Aluhym rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses. But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. And you have lifted yourself up against **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of Shamym (Heavens).' That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain."

### **How Pride Works**

By looking at the lives of these two (2) men we can learn how the Sin of Pride might work in our own lives. Nebuchadnezzar, on the one hand, didn't acknowledge **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) for what He had given him, in this case the throne upon which he sat. He gave himself credit for his success and in doing so he compounded his sin by robbing **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of the esteem which He was due.

Belshazzar, on the other hand, was so arrogant and foolish as to deliberately insult and provoke **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah). He defiled the vessels of gold and silver which had been dedicated to **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) by using them in a drunken orgy and he did so knowing full well how **אֵלֹהִים** (Yahuah) had rebuked his grandfather not many years before.

From these two (2) examples we see how Pride can distort our perceptions of reality. Pride must obscure the truth simply because the truth is often very humbling, something contrary to

the Sin of Pride. Nebuchadnezzar's Pride deceived him into thinking something that wasn't true: he believed that he had built the great Babylonian empire by his own wisdom and by his might when in fact it was **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) who made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.

Belshazzar also suffered from a distorted perception of reality. His pride gave him sense of security. He felt safe upon his throne, behind his high walls; safe enough to mock **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)! But he was a fool to think that he could exalt himself against his Maker.

And so we see that Pride can blind us to the reality of our situation. We also see that Pride can lead us into further Sin against **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah). Pride led Nebuchadnezzar to rob **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) of the esteem due His name while pride led Belshazzar to insult **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) to His face. But **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) will not be mocked by man nor will He be robbed by us. "Will a man rob **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)? Yet you have robbed me! You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed me," and "do not be deceived, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

The Sin of Pride is such a dangerous enemy simply because it pits you against your Maker and **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) is an enemy to be feared! "Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world that is, whoever chooses to embrace the 'lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the Pride of life makes himself an enemy of **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah).

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," **1 John 2:16** a world which was, like HaSatan, created absolutely perfect, but has since like HaSatan departed from its Creator **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) and has created for itself its own abominable ways.

### **Spiritual Pride**

In **Genesis 4**, **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) had revealed unto Cain and Abel that the only approach to a Qadosh (Holy) Aluhym was to be upon the basis of the shedding of blood, upon the basis of substitution, and that in **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s appointed way, by the offering of a lamb. Scripture says that Abel came this way, admitting he was a sinner offering his blood-sacrifice, but Cain in the Pride of his Heart brought of the fruit of the ground. By bringing an offering of his own hands, he thus said to **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) that he was not a sinner and that **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) had judged him wrongly. And did you know, man is still saying the same thing today? 'No need for me to come by the way of blood redemption, for I am not the sinner **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) says I am.' Yes, spiritual Pride lifts a man up to defy **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) saying he is not a sinner.

**אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) in His sovereignty has put us into the family into which we were born, the nation into which we were born, the color of our skin He gave us, the environment and all that goes to make up our lives. We receive nothing, spiritually or physically, except it comes to us from above; so how can we be Proud? If we have received anything in this life, it has come from **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)!

**I Samuel 2:6** says: " **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah) kills, and makes alive...He brings low, and lifts up. He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are **אֱלֹהִים** (Yahuah)'s, and he hath set the world upon them." Again we read in **Psalms 75:6,7**: "Promotion

comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) is the judge; He putts down one, and setts up another.” Yes, all things are in the hands of our sovereign אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), and all things come from Him, so of what do we have to be proud?

### **How Pride Manifests Itself in Our Lives**

If you happen to think that you're worth more to אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) than some other person, you've fallen victim to the Sin of Pride. It's distorted your view of reality, because the truth of the matter is, "there is no partiality with אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah), nor does He regard the rich more than the poor; for they are all the work of His hands. Or if you look down on others because you think you're more righteous than they are, consider the parable which OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) gave to those "who thought they were better than others and who looked down on everyone else: Do you know that Pride comes in many forms? One Prides himself in his humbleness.

Another Prides himself on his learning. Another Prides himself on his ability to do things others cannot do. Another Prides himself on the fact that he is not like other men, and yet he commits the same Sins the other men commit! Another Prides himself on the fact that he is not a drunkard, but yet he gambles. Another Prides himself on the fact that he is not a wife-beater, but yet he is a tyrant in his home. Another Prides himself that he would not steal, and yet he robs his soul of Shamym (Heavens) by staying away from אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah).

Another Prides himself on his ability to invent and make things while he cannot control his own passions. Another prides himself on having the truth of אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s Word and yet he will not share it with others; he holds it to himself and his friends. Another Prides himself on the fact that he is not as other men; he looks down upon the weak and sick, poor and needy, and gives them no helping hand; he cries, “Let them get it the way I got mine, I worked hard for what I have. Do you think I'm to share it with someone else?

What gives us the right to look down on others? Why would we boast of our skills or abilities? "For what makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive from אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)?

Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast?" Be careful not to take credit for אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s work in your life. "Know that אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) Himself is Aluhym; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture." Never presume to say to yourself, "My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth," but instead, "remember אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) your Aluhym, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth." He is "the Aluhym who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways.

It was אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) who gave you your natural skills and abilities, and he didn't do it so that you can despise others. Believe it or not, אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah) gave you your skills and abilities so that you can serve others. That's what He wants from us: for us to love each other. OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) came, not to be served, but to serve. OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) taught, "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant and whoever desires to be first (1st) among you let him be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

### **The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The

Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah), I thank you that I am not like other men - extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah), be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. **Luke 18: 9-14**

The Apostle John tells the story how one night **וּוּיָאֵל** (Yahusha) "rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. ...So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher (Rabbi) and Adonai (Master/Lord), and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Adonai (Master/Lord) and Teacher (Rabbi), have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, Baruk (blessed) are you if you do them.'

Therefore, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or with a Proudful arrogance, but in humility consider others more than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of **וּוּיָאֵל** (Yahusha): Who, being Aluhym, made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death on a tree! If **וּוּיָאֵל** (Yahusha) so loved us this much, we also should love one another.

### **How to Fight Pride**

So how do we fight against the Sin of Pride? First (1st) we need to recognize that we have a problem with Pride. This might be the hardest part, because as we have seen that Pride skews our perception of reality, It lies to us. It says to us, "You don't have a problem with Pride; you're not being Proud, you're just being honest with yourself!

You are better than everyone else and you deserve all the esteem. You've established yourself by your wisdom and your might. You, you, you..." And it feels good. It's hard to see the truth when your own heart is lying to you. It's hard to stop and think, "No, I'm not worth more than anyone else, אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) loves us all the same and His opinion is the only one that really matters. And as for my esteem, I didn't establish myself by my wisdom and might, I've just used the gifts which אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) has given me to do his will!

It's hard to humble yourself like that when you're stuck in Pride. And it's hard to see the Truth when you're lying to yourself. So you're going to need help. אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah), search the heart; I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." Your heart might be able to trick you, but it can't trick אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)!

So the very first (1st) thing to do is to get on your knees and Pray. Search me, O אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) and see if there is any Pride in me, I Ask אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) please Have mercy upon

me, O **YAHUAH** (Yahuah), according to your loving kindness; according to your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me and cleanse me from my Sin.

By asking for **YAHUAH**'s help you're actually humbling yourself before Him and **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) will honor that. The Scripture says, " **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) resists the Proud, but gives unmerited favor (Grace) to the Humble."

This isn't just a warning to the Proud; it's a promise to the humble. If you humble yourself before **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) in Prayer, **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) will pour His unmerited favor (Grace) upon you. And while sin might be able to overcome you, it's no match for **YAHUAH**'s awesome power. So Pray. Pray, Pray. By Praying you're, not only petitioning **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) to intercede on your behalf, which He'll do by His unmerited favor (grace) if you're sincere, you're actually combating the Sin of Pride yourself by humbling yourself before **YAHUAH** (Yahuah), humility is the opposite of Pride.

The next thing to do after **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) starts to show you areas where you're Proud is to fight it mentally. When you experience sudden Pride and you recognize it for what it is, mentally expose it. Admit to yourself that you're being Proud and ask **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) to forgive you.

The final thing to do is to tell your brothers and sisters in **YAHUSHA** (Yahusha) that you're struggling with Pride and ask them to Pray for you. "Confess your trespasses to one another, and Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent Prayer of a Righteous man avails much."

Let us examine ourselves regularly in this regards and learn to spot the workings of Pride in our Heart. One quick test; how do you react when someone criticizes you for something? Is your initial reaction one of resentment; how dare they say this to me. Then Pride is at work in your Heart. You see anger is a fruit that grows on the root of Pride. Why do we get angry when someone criticizes us? Our Pride is hurt. The fact that the accusations may not be true really doesn't matter. Your reaction is what matters. If the accusation is unfounded don't worry about it, **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) knows the truth and the truth will set you free. Our Mashiach **YAHUSHA** (Yahusha) was falsely accused and committed His case to His Father and ask him to forgive them for they know not what they do.

" **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) resists the Proud but He gives unmerited favor (grace) to the humble".

**James 4:6**

“The Pride of your Heart has deceived you” **Obadiah 3**.

Yes, every Proud person must be brought down: “The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down; and **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of **YAHUAH** (Yahuah) of hosts shall be upon every one that is Proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low” **Isaiah 2:11-12**.