

THE DANGER OF SELF-EXALTATION: LUKE 18:14

Intro: Pride and the anointed Cherub Ezk. 28:11-17, Isa 14:12-14

1. The origin of pride – Ezk. 28:17
2. The obsession of pride – Isa. 14:13-14
3. The outcome of pride – Ezk. 28:16-17, Isa. 14:15

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There's is the danger of

1. Possessing the wrong motive. The motive of the Pharisee was self-glorification. Self - glorification is:
 - a. Condemned by the scripture - Luke 11:43
 - b. Constrained by the Saviour - 2nd. Corth. 12:7
 - c. Conquered by the Spirit – Rom. 8:13
2. Pleasing the wrong master. The pride that was evident in the life of the Pharisee was pleasing to the Devil but displeasing unto the Lord. (Notice)
 - a. The pride God detests – Prov. 6:16-17
 - b. The proud that God delivers - Daniel 4:28-37
 - c. The prideful that God destroyed - Acts 12:20-23
3. Praising the wrong man. The Pharisee was self-praising. (Notice three things about self-praise)
 - a. For the sinner self-praise was futile - Luke 18:14
 - b. For the saved self-praise was - forbidden – Gal. 6:14
 - c. For the Spirit self-praise was foreign - John 16:13-14
4. Presenting the wrong message. Notice that outwardly speaking the Pharisee pictured
 - a. A spiritual person but he was a fake - Verse 9
 - b. A separated person but he was a fraud - Verse 11-12
 - c. A successful person but he is a failure.