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-gloration 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.