



Pride Goes Before

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“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

Pride is at the heart of our sin nature – and even though it has been dealt a death blow by Christ’s Sacrifice for us – pride is still gasping for breath in our lives.

What is God doing with you right now? Think about it. What is God doing with you right now? The Apostle Paul wrote that – “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” (Romans 8:28-30) Those whom God foreknew, He predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. That’s what God is doing in us right now – fashioning and forming us into the representation and manifestation of Jesus Christ.

In our study of Christ, we see two distinct representations and manifestations. Paul addressed it beautifully in Philippians 2 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” One

representation and manifestation of Jesus Christ is that He is equal with God. Another representation and manifestation of Christ is that He made Himself of no reputation, took the form of a bondservant, and came to earth in the likeness of men. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the horrible death of the Cross.

Humans have little to be proud of, but we somehow find a way to be proud. The distance between pride and humility is much closer with humans than with Christ, but Jesus made that great leap from His Throne to a trough and became like us – so He could make us like Him.

Humility is not valued in our culture today. People see humility as weak – but we know from the life of Christ that His humility demonstrated great strength and courage. I pray that God will speak to all of us about how important it is that we have the same view of life as Christ had – “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

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