

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 22:24-34

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### PRIDE ON PARADE

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Position, Pride, Deity, Danger, Wickedness**

#### Luke 22:24-26

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#### Luke 22:27-30

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## At first glance, verses 24 to 30 & 31-34

Have nothing in common – but wait....

\* What correlation could there be between these two situations?

\* Why would the Holy Spirit, the author of the Bible, connect these two seemingly unrelated accounts together?

**The disciples had been arguing about who's the best... This will eventually lead to Peter's famous denial of Christ**

(Note that what had just happened at the Passover / communion table was still burning in their ears about the betrayer being at the table. Then a debate ensues about which one of the should be considered the greatest. This is no doubt an argument that arose because of the "threat" at the table... I know it's not me. I wouldn't do such a thing!!!

## **PRIDE ON PARADE**

*PRIDE IS THE CHIEF DANGER OF FAITH ITSELF*

**1.) Pride loves its own attention v.24-26**

**1a.) Pride refuses to be a servant v.24**

Now there was also a **dispute** among them, as to which of them should be **considered** the greatest.

### **In The Shadow of The Cross,**

These are arguing over who's the assistant pastor to Jesus.!

**dispute** *filoneiki+a philoneikia, fil-on-i-kee'-ah*; an argument, a form of division, bitter contention.

**considered** *doke+w dokeo, dok-eh'-o*; self-promotion, self-reputation, high thoughts and opinions of oneself. Self-esteem.

The Ancient Greek would Temper Their Success with This,,,  
**"Whom the gods could not destroy, they made great"**

why is that important? because man cannot handle greatness without the Lord

### **Think of It...**

A servant never argues over who's going to be the greatest  
Because that argument is in their minds "impossible & Illogical"  
Simply put, It doesn't apply to them.

*"Not only should I be the leader, but you guys should agree with me that I should be the leader."*

**Proverbs 6:16-17**

These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: :17 A proud look,

Isn't it pride that keeps us from **making up & healing** relationships?  
Isn't it pride that keeps us from **being happy** when others are **rewarded**?  
Isn't it pride that keeps us from **speaking well of others**?

**Matthew 4:10**

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, '*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*'"

## **PRIDE LOVES ITS OWN ATTENTION**

### **1b.) Pride seeks to be in control**

**v.25-26a**

:25 And He said to them, "The **kings** of the Gentiles (*Nations*) exercise **lordship** over them, and those who exercise **authority** over them are called '**benefactors.**' :26 But **not so among you**;

"Benefactors" or "Mr. President" or "Honorable, Right Reverend, Father, Bishop Knucklehead"

### **How do I kill the pride that is in my own heart?**

The only way pride can be killed is when we draw closer to Jesus Christ.  
You can only do that when you go to where Jesus is...

Pride cannot function, it cannot cope in the humility that is involved in true service to one another.

- Unbridled Human Pride, will sacrifice people for the sake of power
  - It will hurt others for the sake of pleasure
  - It will use others for the sake of status
  - It will ruin others for the sake of greed
  - It will destroy others for the sake of control

# The Opposite of Pride is Love

## 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. :2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. :3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. :4 ¶ Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; :5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; :6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; :7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. :8 Love never fails.

Serving One Another “Deflates” The Ego...

## PRIDE LOVES ITS OWN ATTENTION

**1c.) Pride justifies its own position**

**v.26b**

on the **contrary**, he who is **greatest** among you,  
let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who **serves**.

## Service, Ministry, Action – Satan Hates It...

### Job 2:4

So Satan answered the LORD and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life.

**Church; You see my face all the time.** But I’m not the one that makes this church happen. It’s happening because of those who....  
**(and the list is too long to mention)**

### Matthew 18:2-4

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, :3 and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. :4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Children have humble, pliable, willing hearts  
Children are “self-sacrificing” at the greatest expense...

# PRIDE ON PARADE

*PRIDE IS THE CHIEF DANGER OF FAITH ITSELF*

**2.) Pride creates its own kingdom v.27-30**

**2a.) Pride can't keep up with humility v.27**

For who *is* greater, he who **sits** at the table, or he who **serves**? *Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.*

What kind of a question is this?

everybody "**feels**" like they should be the one sitting at the table

The Biblical Jesus Christ - He is Humility in Action

**serves diakone+w diakoneo**, *dee-ak-on-eh'-o*; to wait upon, to be an attendant, to serve by watching faithfully, or to fill the cup again – attending.

Church, Pride Accomplishes Nothing for Anyone - Except One !

**Proverbs 15:25**

The LORD will destroy the house of the **proud**,

**Proverbs 16:18**

**Pride** goes before destruction, And a **haughty** spirit before a fall.

**Pride is a kingdom in decline.**

**Isaiah 14:12-15**

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! :13 For you have said in your heart: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; :14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' :15 Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

**Ezekiel 28:12-17**

take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'You *were* the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. :13 You were in Eden, the garden of God :14 "You *were* the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of

fiery stones. :15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.... :17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor;

## Pride “imagines” its own kingdom

But its kingdom is **exhausting** and **rude** and **cold** and **dying**

The Bible says that there is going to be a **coming global politician leader** who will literally become possessed by Satan himself – Satan will actually “Peer” thru this man’s human eyes at the world that is “worshipping” him for his **Global Agenda** – he will be imagining that it’s all real. - *then Jesus returns and crashes the dream*

## PRIDE CREATES ITS OWN KINGDOM

### 2b.) Pride cannot endure difficulties v.28-30

:28 “But you are those who have **continued with Me in My trials**. :29 And I bestow upon you a **kingdom**, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, :30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My **kingdom**, and sit on **thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel.....”

To Follow Jesus Christ into Battle  
We will need humility to win, not pride.

Pride Cannot Handle Insults, Pain, Rejection, Mockery

### Ephesians 4:21-24

if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:  
:22 that you put off, concerning **your former conduct**, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, :23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, :24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

## A Self-Check Moment

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**Humility** puts us among people, with people.  
**Pride** elevates us above the people away from the people.  
**Humility** exalts others and rejoices about it.  
**Pride** pulls people down below our level.  
**Humility** cares for those on the outside of our world.  
**Pride** cares only for what is on the inside of my world.  
**The word is: “Dependance.”**

**Romans 6:9-11**

knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. :10 For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. :11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**James 4:10**

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

## **PRIDE ON PARADE**

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**3.) Pride seeks to preserve its own interests v.31-34**

**3a.) Pride must be identified within us v.32**

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### **Literally in the Greek Language It Reads...**

*“Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for **you(s)** as in **plural**.*

*Satan has been asking for each of you guys **by name** = he’s **demanding**...*

*“if Satan demanded to attack the disciples then, he’s certainly demanded to attack the disciples today...” – Warren Weirsbe*

“Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has **“demanded”** you,

**Jesus, Let me sink my teeth into James - *No!***  
Then howzabout Andrew and his fat little cheeks - *No!*  
What about Peter, can I have Peter for lunch? - ***Go Ahead!***

It's very possible that Peter was the one that was winning the argument at the table and who's the greatest. (*he saw Jesus transformed, he saw the dead raised, he walked on water - hello*) Thus Jesus says to Satan - Peter you chew on that for awhile!!!

**1 Samuel 2:3**

"Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

**Proverbs 8:13**

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

## **What are the signs of pride?**

(1) The need to be talked about, (2) The need to talk about yourself. (3) The need to be seen, (4) the need to be heard, (5) the need to be known, (6) The need to be considered/recognized.

## **Following Jesus will draw attention.**

The difference is – it's the nature of Jesus Christ that people are recognizing in us, not us, not you & I.

## **A Self-Check Moment**

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**Is what I'm doing for Jesus' glory or mine?**  
*So why do I do it?*

**Is what I'm saying for Jesus' glory or mine?**  
*So why do I say it?*

**Is what I'm wearing for Jesus' glory or mine?**  
*So why do I wear it?*

**Is what I'm living for, for Jesus' glory or mine?**  
*So why do I live it?*

**Is what I'm driving for Jesus' glory or mine?**  
*So why do I drive it?*



Is what I'm buying for Jesus' glory or mine?  
So why do I buy it?

## PRIDE SEEKS TO PRESERVE ITS OWN INTERESTS

### 3b.) Pride must be purged from us v.33-34

:33 But Peter said to Him, (*he commands*) "**Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.**" :34 Then Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

I believe that Peter was as sincere as a human being can be.  
But I also know that in the mix is our own human motive.

### Peter is Very Much – On His Own Right Now...

#### 2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Christian, Let's Get Smart Right Now...

#### 2 Corinthians 12:10

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### 1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands (self confidence) take heed lest he fall.

**Abraham** was known for his **faith**,  
But he failed at faith when **he went to Egypt**.

**David** was known for his **strength**  
But failed at being strong with **Bathsheba**

**Moses** was known for his **Meekness**  
But Moses failed because of his **fiery temper**.

**Peter** was a man of **courage**  
But his courage failed him in **his hour of testing**.

How Long Had Jesus Known About Peters Failure?

**:34** Then Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

## **Pride must be purged from us**

### **PRIDE SEEKS TO PRESERVE ITS OWN INTERESTS**

#### **3c.) Pride must be slain by us**

**v.32**

".... when you have *returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.*"

*"returned"* {when you stop going your own direction} – come back to Me  
it's this word from Jesus that points to Peter as being a man that struggles greatly with pride and its baggage.

## **what is the cure for pride?**

**Nothing short of death itself. Let me explain.**

A dead man hasn't a care in the world about his looks or his wealth. He doesn't care about his career or status in life - he's dead to those "passions" of life.

## **"Dead Men Tell No Tales"**

What once controlled them is gone. The software needed to run the machine has been removed from them by death.

A Christian is one who has died to the mechanical demands and egocentricity of this human life & body with its lusts and passions.

## **What is the cure for pride?**

**In a Word – It's Placing Your Dependence, Your Faith in Jesus Christ Alone! – Kills Pride!!!**

### **This week at the L.A. County Fair**

Lisa and I went because we need a new bed. Just opposite, 15 feet away was the display for Forest Lawn Cemetery...

They had coffins for sale. They had "The L.A. Dodgers - Special Edition Coffin"

**Christian, pride is the single most destructive force in our lives.**

To get us to the place of “considering” the pride in our own lives, We must be brought to a place of danger, of humility, of awe. Should that fail there is the next step... When a child refuses to obey, sometimes the ultimate cure is to let them. That is - If they want to keep pulling on the dog’s ears then let the dog teach them what they refuse to learn from mom and dad...

**Psalm 34:1-2**

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. :2 My soul shall make its **boast** in the LORD; The **humble** shall hear *of it* and be glad. the LORD; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad. :3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. :4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

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*End of Study*

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