

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing our series on Growing in your relationship with God. Today's topic: THE SIN OF PRIDE AND THE GIFT OF HUMILITY.

1) The sin of pride

- a. Where did the sin of pride originate? Isaiah 14:12-14, Ezekiel 28:13-17
- b. Why does God hate the sin of pride? Proverbs 8:13 6:16-18 (notice “a proud look” is first on the list)
- c. What warnings did Solomon give about the danger of a proud spirit? Proverbs 13:10, 16:18, 29:23, etc.
- d. What parable of Jesus warns about the sin of pride and its consequences? Luke 18:9-14
- e. Share a time when you were tempted to manifest a proud spirit. What lessons did you learn through that experience?

2) The gift of a humble spirit

- a. What appeal did the Apostle Peter make to Christians who might be tempted to manifest a proud spirit? 1 Peter 5:6
- b. Is a humble spirit a gift from God or a character trait we can develop by intentional effort? (Psalm 51:10)
- c. Where do you see a humble spirit manifested in the life of Jesus?
- d. What other individuals in the Scriptures manifested a humble spirit? Mary – Luke 1:26-38, Moses – Hebrews 11:23-26, the Roman Centurion in Capernaum – Matthew 8:5-13, etc.

- e. What appeal did the Apostle Paul make to Christians who were being tempted to manifest a proud spirit? Philippians 2:3-8
- f. What blessings come to those who have a humble spirit? Psalm 25:9, 149:4, James 4:10, etc.

3) A dispute among the disciples

- a. Luke 22:24 What lessons can we learn from the dispute that arose among the disciples of Jesus?
- b. What event caused this dispute to arise? Mark 10:35-41
- c. Matthew tells us the mother of James and John came with them and requested an exalted position in the kingdom of heaven for her two sons. (Matthew 20:20-21) Was this her idea or were they using their mother to make their appeal to Jesus?
- d. How did Jesus respond to this contention among His disciples over who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mark 10:42-45, (see also Luke 22:25-27)
- e. When did you come to realize that the call to become a follower of Jesus was not a call to greatness but rather a call to serve others in love?
- f. How can we avoid the trap of desiring an exalted position as one of the followers of Jesus?

