

Ambassadors

Year 3 Lesson 28



Pride

Key Verse

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” 1 Pet 5:5

Instructions: Read the book of Esther 2 times and pay close attention to the important characters in the book including Esther, Haman and Mordecai.

The Study

Pride only allows you to fall . . . and fall hard !!!

Pride: inordinate self-esteem, unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, accomplishments, rank of elevation in office which manifests itself in lofty airs and often contempt with others.

Before we get into the pride issue of Haman in the Book of Esther, let's look at our enemy and how his prideful attitude got him kicked out of Heaven!!! (Read Isaiah 14:12-15) He eventually persuaded Adam and Eve to participate in the pride marathon leaving us the effects of a sinful decision. In 1 John 2:16 it says “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” Ironically, in Genesis 3:6 we see this in action when “the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (lust of the flesh) and that it was a delight to the eyes, (lust of the eyes) and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise (the pride of life), she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”



The Plague Continues

Look at the following text in Esther to see the doom that prides leads to:

Haman was full of pride!! The Word says, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

- Esther 3:2- **He was full of himself.**

“And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage.”

■ Esther 3:5-6- **My pride can equal my anger and lack of self control.**

“And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with fury. But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, as they had made known to him the people of Mordecai, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.”

Here comes the fall!! The Word says, “When pride comes then comes dishonor.”

Proverbs 11:2

■ Esther 7:5-10- **The Fall and dishonor.**

“Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?” And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. And the king arose in his wrath



from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they

hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.”

Humility is key!! The Word says, “One's Pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.” Proverbs 29:23

■ Esther 8:2, 15- **Mordecai is on top only because he is Humble!!!**

“And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.”



Example of Pride!!

Haman was:

- Prideful
- Selfish
- No self control
- Boastful
- Dishonored in the end

Example of Humility!!

Mordecai was:

- Humble
- Caring
- Wise
- Honest
- Honored in the end



What does the Bible Say?

- The Word is True -

- Pride comes before the fall. Proverbs 16:18
- When you fall you will dishonor yourself and others. Proverbs 11:2
- Humility is the key to overcome. Proverbs 29:23.

Challenge!!! Humble yourself . . . or God will!



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Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/72vs1qXgmNVHT7NP6>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. From whom or what does pride come from, and how does it affect mankind?
2. What caused Haman to be prideful?
3. From the book of Esther what did pride do for Haman?
4. Did Mordecai live a prideful life? If not, in what ways can you tell?
5. In what ways was Mordecai honored and how did it affect others?
6. How does pride affect your personal life? How can you change those areas?
7. According to I Peter 5:5, what does God give to the humble?
8. Bonus Question: Why was Satan kicked out of heaven?