

Sermon Series – “Embracing Identity”

Part 2 – “Pride: Its Origin and Destiny”

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Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 14:12-15*

All things in creation, whether animate or inanimate, were designed by God to fulfill a _____ in His divine _____. While inanimate things do not have the ability to choose, and the animals – great and small – live by instinct, we were granted the _____ of choice and the _____ of reflecting God’s image. But there is another order of beings that are a _____ of God’s creation whose origins _____ our own. They occupy a realm through which our sight cannot _____, but whose history and _____ existence impacts our own. Through the _____ of inspiration, we learn that one such being – a cherub named Lucifer, refused to accept the _____ God assigned him. Filled with _____, he _____ himself equal with God and through the cunning _____ of lies, secured the allegiance of a third of the angelic host. When his _____ against God’s government was rejected, he _____ to wage war which resulted in them being cast out of their abode. Through _____ the same tactics, he led our first _____ into disobedience, and thus humanity was _____ into sin. What does this have to do with today and where will all this lead?

Pride: Past & Coming Peril

1. What high _____ did Lucifer hold in Heaven? *Eze. 28:14; Ex. 25:18-21*
2. What is sin and what _____ did Lucifer break? *1 Jn. 3:4; Ex. 20:2-17*
3. How is Satan _____ as the father of pride? *Isa. 14:12-14; 27:1; Job 41:34*
- 4 Why didn’t God _____ Satan immediately? *Ecclesiastes 8:11-13; Jude 6*
5. How does the Prince of _____ reveal God’s character when compared? *Phil. 2:5-11*

Then there was war in heaven. The Son of God, the Prince of heaven, and His loyal angels engaged in conflict with the archrebel and those who united with him. The Son of God and true, loyal angels prevailed; and Satan and his sympathizers were expelled from heaven. All the heavenly host acknowledged and adored the God of justice. Not a taint of rebellion was left in heaven. All was again peaceful and harmonious as before. Angels in heaven mourned the fate of those who had been their companions in happiness and bliss. Their loss was felt in heaven. The Father consulted His Son in regard to at once carrying out their purpose to make man to inhabit the earth. He would place man upon probation to test his loyalty before he could be rendered eternally secure. If he endured the test wherewith God saw fit to prove him, he should eventually be equal with the angels.

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Will you choose to humble your heart and find your identity and role in Christ?