DELIVERANCE
Prayer Study #363
First Love Ministries of Perry, Georgia USA

Handout #15: Satan: The First Sinner
The Sin of Pride

When Lucifer made his five "I WILL" statements, he became the first sinner. He was making these statements in Isaiah 14 not to God but *in his heart* (Isaiah 14:13). Proverbs 23:7 tells us that as a man thinks in his heart, "so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). Thus, the original sin in God's whole universe is PRIDE, and God hates pride. In fact, Proverbs 16:5 says, *"Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord." Abomination* is one of the strongest and hardest words in the Old Testament. It is something that is detestable and repulsive to the greatest degree.

Let's look at a few scriptures that have to do with pride:

These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. - Proverbs 6:16-19

Notice that pride tops the list. This verse implies that the Lord hates pride as much as He does murder and an ungodly lifestyle.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame. Proverbs 11:2

Only by pride cometh contention. Proverbs 13:10

The LORD will destroy the house of the proud. Proverbs 15:25

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

A man's pride shall bring him low. Proverbs 29:23

Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble. James 4:6
Jim Logan's "Dealing with Pride" strategy in *Reclaiming Surrendered Ground.*

1. Identify the key areas of your life such as work, finances, reputation, friends, entertainment, and future choices (marriage, etc.). Place all of these on the altar as an act of your will, praying, "God, I want to place all the areas of my life under Your control. I truly want to say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ." (Philippians 1:21)

2. In 1st Corinthians 15:31 Paul says, "I die daily." Every day make a conscious decision to die to self and be committed to God's will and purpose for your life.

3. Memorize Luke 9:23, Galatians 2:20, and 1st Corinthians 15:31b.

   And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

   I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

   ...I die daily. 1st Corinthians 15:31b

4. Ask God's forgiveness for the areas of our life you have built around self and surrender them to God. Ask Him to take back any ground you have surrendered to Satan.