

~HAUGHTINESS (327)

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• **Disdainful pride, superciliousness, arrogance.** Haughtiness is the opposite of humility. The **Greek** and **Hebrew** words translated haughty and haughtiness have the basic meaning of causing oneself to appear high, exalted, lofty, eminent.

• One who is haughty is, in his own esteem, superior, lifted up above his fellowmen. As a result, such a person usually claims honor and attention beyond what is due and treats others with disrespect and insolence.

• A Condition Of The Heart

• **Haughtiness** is a bad quality or characteristic that is deeper than a mental conclusion. Jesus Christ named it along with murder, thievery, blasphemy, and other wrongdoing and said that from inside, out of the heart of men, such things issue forth.

• For from inside, out of the heart of men, injurious reasonings issue forth, fornications, thieveries, murders. (**Mark 7:21**)

• Adulteries, covetings, acts of wickedness, deceit, loose conduct, an envious eye, blasphemy, **haughtiness**, unreasonableness. (**Mark 7:22**)

• Jesus earthly mother Mary said of Yehowah; He has scattered abroad those who are **haughty** in **the intention of their hearts**.

• He has performed mightily with his arm, he has scattered abroad those who are **haughty** in **the intention of their hearts**. (**Luke 1:51**)

• David appealed to Yehowah, saying; My heart has not been **haughty**.

• O Yehowah, my heart has not been **haughty**, nor have my eyes been lofty, nor have I walked in things too great, nor in things too wonderful for me. (**Psalms 131:1**)

- And the people will certainly know it, even all of them, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, because of their **haughtiness** and because of their insolence of heart in saying; (**Isaiah 9:9**)
- But when his heart became **haughty** and his own spirit became hard, so as to act presumptuously, he was brought down from the throne of his kingdom, and his own dignity was taken away from him. (**Daniel 5:20**)
- Even a person whose heart has been humble in service of God can become **haughty** because of gaining wealth or power or by reason of his beauty, success, wisdom, or the acclaim of others. King Uzziah of Judah was such a person. He ruled well and enjoyed Yehowah's blessing for many years.
- Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign, and for fifty-two years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. (**2 Chronicles 26:3**)
- And he kept doing what was right in Yehowah's eyes, according to all that Amaziah his father had done. (**2 Chronicles 26:4**)
- And he continually tended to search for God in the days of Zechariah, the instructor in the fear of the true God, and, in the days of his searching for Yehowah, the true God made him prosperous. (**2 Chronicles 26:5**)
- But the Bible record states;
- However, as soon as he was strong, his heart became **haughty** even to the point of causing ruin, so that he acted unfaithfully against Yehowah his God and came into the temple of Yehowah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. (**2 Chronicles 26:16**)
- Uzziah lifted himself up to perform priestly duties, which privilege God had expressly withheld from the kings of Israel, making kingship and priesthood separate.
- At one time good King Hezekiah became, for a brief period, **haughty** in heart, and his **haughtiness** evidently infected the people he ruled. He had been exalted in rulership because of Yehowah's blessing, but he failed to appreciate and to recognize that all credit should have gone to God.

- The chronicler writes of him;
- But according to the benefit rendered him Hezekiah made no return, for his heart became **haughty** and there came to be indignation against him and against Judah and Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 32:25)
- Happily, he recovered from this dangerous attitude. The account continues; However, Hezekiah humbled himself for the **haughtiness** of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and Yehowah's indignation did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.
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- And Yehowah says; For the reason that the daughters of Zion have become **haughty** and they walk with their throats stretched forth and ogling with their eyes, they go walking with tripping steps, and with their feet they make a tinkling sound. (Isaiah 3:16)
- Yehowah also will actually make the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion scabby, and Yehowah himself will lay their very forehead bare. (Isaiah 3:17)
- In that day Yehowah will take away the beauty of the bangles and the headbands and the moon-shaped ornaments. (Isaiah 3:18)
- The eardrops and the bracelets and the veils. (Isaiah 3:19)
- The headdresses and the step chains and the breastbands and the houses of the soul and the ornamental humming shells. (Isaiah 3:20)
- The finger rings and the nose rings. (Isaiah 3:21)
- The robes of state and the overtunics and the cloaks and the purses. (Isaiah 3:22)
- And the hand mirrors and the undergarments and the turbans

and the large veils. ([Isaiah 3:23](#))

- And it must occur that instead of balsam oil there will come to be merely a musty smell, and instead of a belt, a rope, and instead of an artistic hair arrangement, baldness, and instead of a rich garment, a girding of sackcloth, a brand mark instead of prettiness. ([Isaiah 3:24](#))
- Son of man, say to the leader of Tyre; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that your heart has become haughty, and you keep saying; I am a god. In the seat of god I have seated myself, in the heart of the open sea, whereas an earthling man is what you are, and not a god, and you keep making your heart like the heart of god. ([Ezekiel 28:2](#))
- By the abundance of your wisdom, by your sales goods, you have made your wealth abound, and your heart began to be haughty because of your wealth. ([Ezekiel 28:5](#))
- Your heart became haughty because of your beauty. You brought your wisdom to ruin on account of your beaming splendor. Onto the earth I will throw you. Before kings I will set you, for them to look upon you. ([Ezekiel 28:17](#))

.. God Opposes Haughtiness

- Not only are **haughty** ones distasteful to honest men but, more seriously, they also receive the opposition of Yehowah God.
- However, the undeserved kindness which he gives is greater. Hence it says; God opposes the **haughty** ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. ([James 4:6](#))
- In like manner, you younger men, be in subjection to the older men. But all of you gird yourselves with **lowliness of mind** toward one another, because God opposes the **haughty** ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones. ([1 Peter 5:5](#))
- **Haughtiness** is foolishness and a sin.
- The rod of **haughtiness** is in the mouth of the foolish one, but the very lips of the wise ones will guard them. ([Proverbs 14:3](#))
- **Haughty** eyes and an arrogant heart, the lamp of the wicked

ones, are sin. (**Proverbs 21:4**)

- **Yehowah sets himself against the **haughty** to bring them low.**
- **And the humble people you will save, but your eyes are against the **haughty** ones, that you may bring them low. (**2 Samuel 22:28**)**
- **And if it acts **haughtily**, like a young lion you will hunt for me, and you will again show yourself marvelous in my case. (**Job 10:16**)**
- **Let flow the furious outbursts of your anger, and see every one haughty and bring him low. (**Job 40:11**)**
- **Because the afflicted people you yourself will save, but the **haughty** eyes you will abase. (**Psalms 18:27**)**
- **May false lips become speechless, that are speaking against the righteous one, unrestrainedly in **haughtiness** and contempt. (**Psalms 31:18**)**
- **O love Yehowah, all you loyal ones of his. The faithful ones Yehowah is safeguarding, but he is rewarding exceedingly anyone showing **haughtiness**. (**Psalms 31:23**)**
- **The **haughty** eyes of earthling man must become low, and the loftiness of men must bow down, and Yehowah alone must be put on high in that day. (**Isaiah 2:11**)**
- **And the **haughtiness** of the earthling man must bow down, and the loftiness of men must become low, and Yehowah alone must be put on high in that day. (**Isaiah 2:17**)**
- **If not forsaken, **haughtiness** is sure to bring destruction. The ancient nation of Moab, which lifted itself up against God and his people, was brought to nothing.**
- **We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud, his **haughtiness** and his pride and his fury, his empty talk will not be so. (**Isaiah 16:6**)**
- **For the hand of Yehowah will settle down on this mountain, and Moab must be trodden down in its place as when a straw heap is**

trodden down in a manure place. (**Isaiah 25:10**)

- And he must slap out his hands in the midst of it as when a swimmer slaps them out to swim, and he must abase its **haughtiness** with the tricky movements of his hands. (**Isaiah 25:11**)
- We have heard of the pride of Moab, he is very **haughty**, of his highness and of his pride and of his **haughtiness** and of the loftiness of his heart. (**Jeremiah 48:29**)
- Even the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel was not spared when it became **haughty** and insolent in heart.
- There was a word that Yehowah sent against Jacob, and it fell upon Israel. (**Isaiah 9:8**)
- And the people will certainly know it, even all of them, Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, because of their **haughtiness** and because of their insolence of heart in saying; (**Isaiah 9:9**)
- Bricks are what have fallen, but with hewn stone we shall build. Sycamore trees are what have been cut down, but with cedars we shall make replacement. (**Isaiah 9:10**)
- And Yehowah will set the adversaries of Rezin on high against him, and the enemies of that one he will goad on. (**Isaiah 9:11**)
- Syria from the east and the Philistines from behind, and they will eat up Israel with open mouth. In view of all this his anger has not turned back, but his hand is stretched out still. (**Isaiah 9:12**)

• Guarding Against Haughtiness

- A person should therefore watch carefully to keep **haughtiness** out of his heart. He should be especially on guard when he has achieved success in any endeavor or when he is given a higher or more responsible position. He ought to be mindful that pride is before a crash, and a **haughty** spirit before stumbling.
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- If he lets **haughtiness** grow, it can come to control him to the extent that Yehowah will class him with those whom He gives up to a disapproved mental state, and who are deserving of death.
- And just as they did not approve of holding God in accurate knowledge, God gave them up to a disapproved mental state, to do the things not fitting. (**Romans 1:28**)
- Backbiters, haters of God, insolent, **haughty**, self-assuming, inventors of injurious things, disobedient to parents. (**Romans 1:30**)
- Although these know full well the righteous decree of God, that those practicing such things are deserving of death, they not only keep on doing them but also consent with those practicing them. (**Romans 1:32**)
- Such caution is especially appropriate in the last days, when, as the apostle warned, **haughtiness** would be one of the distinguishing characteristics of those critical times.
- But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here. (**2 Timothy 3:1**)
- For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, **haughty**, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal. (**2 Timothy 3:2**)
- Additionally, the person desiring God's favor should avoid flattery, which tends to cultivate **haughtiness** in others. The proverb says;
- An able-bodied man that is flattering his companion is spreading out a mere net for his steps. (**Proverbs 29:5**)
- Not only does the flatterer bring ruin to his companion, a flattering mouth causes an overthrow.
- A tongue that is false hates the one crushed by it, and a flattering mouth causes an overthrow. (**Proverbs 26:28**)
- But he also receives God's disfavor. The apostle Paul was careful to avoid both flattery and **haughtiness**.

- **In fact, at no time have we turned up either with flattering speech, just as you know, or with a false front for covetousness, God is witness! (1 Thessalonians 2:5)**
- **Neither have we been seeking glory from men, no, either from you or from others, though we could be an expensive burden as apostles of Christ. (1 Thessalonians 2:6)**