

Arrogance

Isaiah prophesied “And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible”, Isaiah 13:11.

Sin brings desolation on those do not walk according to the statutes established by God.

Judah’s arrogancy against God’s Commands enabled God to use Babylon to punish her.

Babylon’s victory at the time raised her beliefs that she was invincible. The Medes and Persians destroyed that idea, and were overtaken by the Greek empire, which, in turn was destroyed by the Roman empire.

Jesus declared “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication”, Revelation 14:8.

During the 1900's Germany rose up as a power, arrogant in its own supremacy. After Germany’s defeat, the USSR initiated the Cold War. As Rome tried to bring unity to the then known world, the ECC was formed to bring unity into Europe.

When Judah separated herself from the path of obedience to God, she established the path of arrogance, a path that Babylon, the Medes and Persians the Greeks, the Roman empire, Germany, the USSR initiated the Cold War, and the ECC, have all tried to follow.

Just one major battle left, sinful arrogance against Godly Supremacy.

Arrogance – the ‘humble thought’ of a person who has an obsessive belief that they are superior to God, and all other people.

Yet in the day when they face their world as it falls apart, their humble thoughts become as a quicksand foundation, and their obsessive beliefs rapidly become vague thoughts, and death appears as the best option.

In the Church, we often see arrogance – also called pride – at work in the statement “I am better than you, I am a christian”. The small ‘c’ for christian is deliberate, for neither arrogance nor pride was ever in the Lord’s Work, or in the establishment of the Church.

Nobody, absolutely nobody can ever say they are better than the person next to them because they claim to be a christian. A true Christian will, and can claim to be a redeemed sinner.

H. A. Ironside in his book Illustrations of Bible Truth cites an incident

relating to a gentleman named Bishop Potter.

“Bishop Potter was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners.

After he boarded the ship, he discovered that he was to share his cabin with another passenger.

When informed that there was no single accommodation available, he went to the purser’s desk and requested to be allowed to leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship’s safe.

He explained that he had been to his cabin and had met the man who was to occupy the other berth.

Judging from the other passengers appearance, he was afraid that he might not be a very trustworthy person.

The purser accepted the responsibility for the valuables and remarked, ‘It is all right, bishop, I will be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has been up here and left his for the same reason!’”

A snap decision that “I am better than you” on a brief meeting!

We are redeemed sinners. We are not totally separated from sin. We are all quite capable of sinning again.

We, all human beings, are quite capable sinning again. Therefore, who are we to judge another. Who are we to think that we are better than all others?

If you are associating with the spirit of arrogance, or any of its compatriots, get rid of it and live.

Do not wait for the time when you stand before God, and the spirit of arrogance flees from you, and you look for death.