

Pride!

KJV Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

It is absolutely impossible to hate evil without loving good!

In fact loving good causes a person to abandon their evil ways!

A prideful person cannot love good or love God, they love only themselves!

KJV Proverbs 11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

When a person loves only themselves it won't be long before they are disgraced!

- **Pride** is “haughtiness, arrogance, self-serving, self-exalting & self-celebrating.”

Therefore, pride is rebellion personified because pride loves only self, depends only on self and refuses to depend on or acknowledge God!

Today is “**Pride Day**” in Chicago!

- **I think it very interesting that people who openly embrace a sinful lifestyle will take pride in doing so!**

Notice I said **sinful!** Because anyone practicing any of the letters “**LGBTQIA**” are living a sinful lifestyle and are walking in pride!

The whole idea behind these letters is to identify people who live these lifestyles and accept and include them in the mainstream of society!

Well our God says people who live these lifestyles are **not** normal and should not be accepted in the mainstream of society!

Romans 1:24 For this reason God allowed their lusts to control them. As a result, they dishonor their bodies by sexual perversion with each other.

25 These people have exchanged God's truth for a lie. So they have become ungodly and serve what is created rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen!

26 For this reason God allowed their shameful passions to control them. Their women have exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

27 Likewise, their men have given up natural sexual relations with women and burn with lust for each other. Men commit indecent acts with men, so they experience among themselves the punishment they deserve for their perversion.

*28 And because they thought it was worthless to acknowledge God (**pride**), God allowed their own immoral minds to control them. So they do these indecent things.*

29 Their lives are filled with all kinds of sexual sins, wickedness, and greed. They are mean. They are filled with envy, murder, quarreling, deceit, and viciousness. They are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, haughty, **arrogant**, and boastful. They think up new ways to be cruel. They don't obey their parents,

31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Although they know God's judgment that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do these things but also approve of others who do them.

We cannot approve of these lifestyles, we cannot affirm or embrace what God has rejected.

We don't have to be mean, angry or violent about it, but we must *stand fast in the faith being courageous and strong!* (1 Cor 16:13)

Since they have rejected God, He has allowed their twisted minds to control them.

JV Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

They are calling what is evil good and what's good evil!

Since they have rejected God there is no fear of God; when God is removed from the equation man makes his own rules and ultimately becomes god himself!

Pride exalts self and rejects all authority and places self in its place!

KJV Isaiah 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

You see pride doesn't just stop at saying what it wants and doing what it wants.

Pride wants to rule, to govern pride wants to change morals, values and laws!

➤ **Pride** exalts self and ultimately seeks to replace God!

That "pride parade" is a rebellious act against God not just society!

Whenever anyone or anything is exalted above God it is a serious matter!

A parade is a show of pride & bravado, it's public bragging a display of organizational strength and military might!

KJV Exodus 15:2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

They have the nerve, the boldness to have this celebration on Sunday!

KJV Psalm 34:3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

KJV Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

James 4:6b...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 So place yourselves under God's authority. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you.