Hope: The Anchor of God’s Promises

“The Humble Will Receive Grace, I Promise!” David Owens

James 4:5-10

A. Actress Kirstie Allie said, “I don’t think _______ is a ______, and I think some
_________ made that up.”

B. Let’s consider the story of ___________ ___________.
1. He wanted the _________ of people and ________ was his way of earning it.

C. An even more dramatic picture of the downfall of pride is the story of
________________ (Daniel 4).
1. His Babylonian Empire overthrew ____________ in 605 BC.
2. Later he built a _____ foot-all golden statue in his honor and commanded
everyone to _____________ before it.
3. In his time of ease, he had a _______ ________ that troubled him.
4. _______ was asked to interpret the dream and had to deliver the
___________ news.
5. He urged the King to _____________.
6. God graciously gave the King a _________ _______ to _____________ himself.

D. God had sent the King at least three messages in an attempt to help him correct his
________________ and his ________.
1. God sent the message of the __________ ___________.
2. God sent the message of the _____________.
3. God sent the _________ of Daniel.

E. The King became an ancient version of ___________ _______ with cork-
screw fingernails, and animal-like hair.

F. The old saying is true: “The _______ they are, the _______ they _______.

G. God’s lesson for the King and for all of us is: God ________ ________ (Proverbs
26:12; 16:5; 8:13; 11:2; Isaiah 5:21).
1. “God resists the proud because the ________ resist _______.” (Max Lucado)

H. “To the degree that God ________ arrogance, God ________ humility” (Lucado)
[1 Peter 5:5; Psalm 138:6; Isaiah 57:15].

I. One of the best antidotes for pride is a clear understanding of ______ ________.

J. Those who walk in humility, don’t need to be humbled by God, but can be ______
by God.

K. It took ______ long years, but Nebuchadnezzar finally learned this lesson.
1. It is much better to ________ ourselves than to wait for God to __________ us.

L. Humility has many benefits, including keeping us out of the _________ reach, and
putting us into God’s ________ hands.

M. This is what happened in the story Jesus told in _________.

Answer Key:  A. pride, sin, idiot.  B. Bernie, Madoff.  B.1. applause, money.