

Hope: The Anchor of God's Promises

"The Humble Will Receive Grace, I Promise!" David Owens

James 4:5-10

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- 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 Nebuchanezzar 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. C. Nebuchadnezzar. C.1. Nebuchadnezzar. C.2. 90, bow, down. C.3. bad, dream. C.4. Daniel, sobering. C.5. repent. C.6. whole, year, humble. D. thinking, life. D.1. fiery, furnace. D.2. dream. D.3. warning. E. Howard, Hughes. F. bigger, harder, fall. G. hates, pride. G.1. proud, God. H. hates, loves. I. God's, greatness. J. used. K. 7. K.1. humble, humble. L. devil's, gracious. M. Luke 18.