

THE ORIGIN OF PRIDE

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The perpetual question of where pride came from is answered here, providing one offers up his or her own pride for higher knowledge. All of us were confronted with the question, "Why was pride found in heaven, since God is perfect and sovereign, and nothing unclean or wicked can be found in heaven? How come Lucifer was proud and if so then proud of what?"

If the foundation is faulty the house will be unstable. The entire premise of pride being found in Lucifer is false. First of all, Lucifer is a Latin word translated from, "Hillel," the, "shiny one." Second of all, Apostle John speaks of pride as the pride of (this) life found only in this world.

[1 John 2:16] "For all that is in the world, (NOT IN HEAVEN) the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the (heavenly) Father, but is from the world."

Once you are rooted in this fantasy-free scripture, you are rooted in the Truth, which comes from above, from the Father. Jesus introduced us to Him and said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life," simply because He came from the Father. He is the Way back to Him. No one walks on the Way and keeps on walking on that Way in circles, but reaches one's destination. Right?

Let us now exercise our spiritual logic, which is quite different from our natural logic. The differences are obvious.

[Luke 13:30] "And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

[Luke 9:48] "Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great."

[Matthew 18:4] "Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is (becomes) the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

In Roman-controlled Palestine that was some statement, indeed. As people watched the ruthless force of Rome and looked upon its supposed greatness, Jesus comes up with the unfamiliar words of a quite different greatness for what is called great below becomes nothing above. Any violence-won power is no power at all. The riches of the world are a complete poverty above, nothing. The metallic dust to which man attaches such significant value on this earth, above, means nothing; it is just common dirt. The first on this earth becomes last and those that made themselves last, through humility, become first in God's glorious Kingdom. Think about that for a moment and let it sink deep within you and become an essential part of you.

Anything physical, having a low or high attributable value must be identifiable, tangible and thereby controllable. Anything invisible or spiritual is intangible and can't be controlled except by only the One, God the Spirit. All His subjects are in His mighty hand.

This sort of thinking helps us to understand spiritual properties versus the physical and this contrast makes us realize what might hinder us from better knowing God and His kingdom.

Having self is normal. We are born with self-identity and self-awareness simply because we can feel our bodies which can experience discomfort or pleasure. God does not ask us to get rid of self or mortify it but to get detached from it when communing with God the Father. Since God hates pride, even the pride of life, which the physical body gives us, self, with all its attachments and importance, should be put aside; and this is called self-nullification. Once this is practiced before the Lord, His presence will be increasingly experienced until one day, perhaps as Enoch, God's presence will permanently engulf one. The aim in self-detachment is to let go of the illusory control and permitting Him to be in full control. Angels can't do that because they already do it having no other choice, but we, endowed with free will humans, can choose it. This choosing is most precious in God's eyes.

Jesus said that the Father loves Him because He lays His life down of His own accord.

[John 10:17-18] "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

The seeming discrepancy in His saying comes when we try to understand it from only one side. There is no discrepancy when we look at His statements from both sides.

[John 5:19] "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

[John 5:30] "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

In John 5:19 He said that on His own initiative He can do nothing and also in verse 30, but in John 10 He speaks of His own initiative.

Let's unravel His words in the now released new light: the Father loves His son, being one in the Perfect Love, because the physical Son of Man, having self-identity, will lay down His life for others, which is only possible by causing death to His body. And because He was to do it willingly as the Son of Man, not as the Son of God, the Father loves Him for it.

All I could say is Wow!

It is most pleasing to God when we lay aside our fleshly self, something we can control even to the point of killing it, as is the case with our bodies. Anyone, and quite easily, can kill another or self, which we then call a suicide. Was Jesus about to commit suicide? It would be so if He took matters into His own hands by killing Himself for Himself; but He laid His life down for the world, selflessly. He said that He has the power (authority) to not only lay it down, but also to take it up again. Then He adds that such was His Father's command and He would comply with it 100%.

Angels have no other choice, but to obey, Jesus however did have a choice because He was in human bodily form, having self-identity just as we do. The Spiritual Logic tells me that the same power to lay His life down is the power that takes it up again in resurrection

of the body. Since He already did it for me, I do not need to do it, for I am not the Firstborn Son of God. He did it all for me already. I am His offspring, but with a different mission on this earth. The price is paid and the battle already won.

We see, that in the case of being able to resurrect His body Jesus had to lay it down first of His own accord. I used to preach that it was the Father who killed His own son for us. In those days it sounded piously and religiously good, but untrue. The Father commanded it, but did not execute it; He left it up to His Son the Ben Adam (Son of Man). The moment Jesus concurred with His Father's wish (God's commandments are indeed wishes and they are light) something awesome took place.

To better amplify this truth let's look at the Transfiguration Mount. Jesus already made the pact to definitely lay His life down for all humanity.

[Matthew 17:5-6] While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

Matthew 16 ends with these words:

[Matthew 16:28] "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Six days later, on the seventh day, after the above statement, transfiguration takes place. I think that up there His disciples saw the splendor of the true kingdom and that seemed too much for them, they were blown away by its glory. The rest is left up to your interpretation because at this point it becomes very personal.

That was so awesome and terrifying because the power of resurrection belonged to the Firstborn Son. This is My Be-Loved Son. God's love, the Perfect Love, descended and engulfed His Son because His Son gave up all territory, wants, desires; He passed all tests and temptations of this life including the pride of life. I think that this is very clear to God's seed.

When we come to John 5:19 & 30, we see here that Jesus could not, which means: was not able to do anything of Himself (of the fleshly Jesus) when it comes to the supernatural. All supernatural works are done by the Holy Spirit; commanded and initiated by the Father. If the Father does not direct them they do not happen, no matter how much His Son might have begged Him to, prayed or fasted. The Son was watching His Father to do exactly what the Father was doing—at the point of His doing—so that the Son might do likewise. Hence His conclusive words: "for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

[Micah 6:8] He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Anyone walking with God must take this into consideration that self-identity—with all that earthly importance it carries—impedes one's true communion with God. He opposes the proud, Apostle James said, but He gives greater grace to the humble.

[Proverbs 11:2] "When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom."

What? Wisdom is found with the humble? To the natural man it is all alien and remains so until death. The tare would cease to be a tare and the field would cease to be oblivious to these things if they only humbled themselves before the Lord. However, first one must know the Lord and His ways in order to humble this crazy pride of life. Pride is not possible in the heavenly realm because pride needs self-identity, which can only be found in the material world.

In the previous chapter we spoke of angels as God's creation and that angels do not multiply themselves. God created each individual angel, no mother and father angels, and no children angels. Therefore, no angel can identify with another angel, but only with the Father God. The spiritual realm is immeasurably boundless. In order to identify it one would have to define it in terms of measurements and location. God's realm is one as He is one; so how can anyone locate God in a place?

The very concept of self originates in relatively. Before one can relate to something else there has to be an array of things that can be identified. A rooster can be identified as such in contrast to a hen because of his size and the size of the comb (usually red) on his head. A bore can be distinguished from a fox and a cow from a horse and a horse from a wagon it pulls. Relativity plays a major role in associations and choice. However, in order to distinguish one from another, self must play a more significant role in terms of physical identity. Behavioral patterns can betray anyone as having strong self-identity. Precisely, because of that pattern, a smart police detective may find it easier to identify a culprit.

The potency of self-identity has to do with one's abilities and gifting, which in turn can make one proud. Only the physical awareness can produce self-identity and with it a sense of pride. On the other side—the spiritual side, in which I was privileged to bathe for an indefinite period of time—self-identity has no meaning.

We can follow a walking on the ground ant, and a flying in the air eagle, by simply looking at them; and then understand that they came from the One. It is that understanding that makes us realize where these two distinct creatures come from. That understanding in heaven does not need to be extracted in any way. No one has to remind you of it; it is so, in one instant, in the form of a complete awareness. Time and distance does not obstruct one's awareness. Therefore, the awareness where self plays a major role becomes limited due to physical objects located in time, space and distance; again, such do not exist in the spiritual realm.

A child bears a family name. A married woman takes her husband's name that he received from his parents via the (male) patrimonial line. All these have an identity. Now with this identity comes some degree of pride or shame. Some have nothing to be proud of so what's left is perhaps a skin color, but if that is of no use, perhaps one's achievements or wealth, but if that isn't there the search for self-identity continues. These are the earthly dimensions, which are neither good nor bad. It is what it is. Period. However, when these physical dimensions get in the way of one's relationship with God, who is Spirit, one should consider understanding the underlying reasons.

Still, to better understand these things one must return to 1 John 2:16 where John states that it is the pride of (this) life, originating in (this) world, and not in heaven that strips us of the love we so desperately long for. How can an angel be proud of being an angel?

God is love and His love saturates each spiritual being, which then acts on that love. That love is like the heavenly electricity activating a ministering spirit, flame and messenger.

[John 17:26] "The love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

The essence of God's oneness is Perfect Love; and that Perfect Love (God), unlike any love on this earth experiences no fear of punishment.

[1 John 4:18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

Angels do not serve God because of fear, but rather they respond to that perfect love of God residing in them and because of that love they do what God tells them to. His utterances are not orders or commands, but gentle promptings, or subtle signals. The gentler they are the more powerful they are in terms of heaven and earth relations.

Angels have no self-identity; therefore pride does not cling to them. They have the Father identity 100%, therefore the Father and His angels are one spiritual unit. It is a remote idea for an angel to disobey God's "strict" command for His commands are not strict, but function on the residing love within His ministering agents.

The same love He wants to love you with, harbors no trickery or even the faintest idea of taking advantage of anyone's love. No betrayal is possible. That is only possible in the dimension of self-identity and the pride of life; the physical sphere where one can hide motives and intentions. That love is not weak, as some might perceive it to be here on this physical plane, but incredibly and most awesomely powerful.

Do you want to be overpowered by that love? In order to experience it, in His awesome presence, one must be ready to lose any self-identity.

Jesus said: the love with which You loved Me... Wow! There will come a time when I will also love God with the quality of love He loves me, which will blossom. His love is like a natural motivating atom residing or being part of His seed. With this power of love Jesus came down to earth and spoke about it. Again, it takes but a willing detachment from anything physical in order to comprehend it.

The fear of letting go is powerful in many. They suppose that they are doing something wrong when hearing about self-nullification, when actually all it takes is identification of that reality and permitting the seed of different thinking to sprout. We all have self-identity and pride of life and that's good, but it must go when dealing with God.

This detachment is one's mind and heart and does not need to ever be manifested through acts of altruistic benevolence, for one need not to prove anything to oneself or others. It is a state of being rather than any outward performance.

Since angels have no self and their existence points straight to the Creator, including Satan, all other notions of the supposed evil coming from above rather than from below are a complete absurdity.

All scriptures that speak of the supposed fall of Satan or Lucifer, speak of the physical human. Read it carefully and you will see that a burned-up spiritual being leaves no ashes (reference to Ezekiel 28:18). Lucifer, or the 'covering cherub,' is a man (reference to Isaiah 14 and the king of Babylon.) It is the pride of life that causes us to seek someone to

blame, instead of humbling it before the Lord. It is much more convenient to fantasize about wars in heaven, as the ancients did, all the way from Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome, rather than seek the Lord God and His ways.

All Scriptures must be reexamined, and reinterpreted, which will result in the final reformation of our minds. We will not view God any longer through the eye of some outrageously fantastic imaginations, or even through the authoritative statements of any religion's founding fathers, but with our God given intelligence.

Only the humble can seek the Lord, His character and His Kingdom. For some it is easier to deprive the body of food and fluids for 24 hours than humble the human pride. From this stem many religious obligations and rituals, which God does not desire. God does not frighten anyone, He, being the Perfect Love, banishes all fears. He does not threaten anyone with eternal fire and brimstone, which can be found on earth only, for how can a spiritual being be burned and hurt? These are just pictures of earthly, self-identifiable people longing for revenge. Jesus did not ask us to do that, did He?

[Matthew 5:43-48] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Follow the chain of these meanings now. The root of pride grows a tree and these are its offshoots: ego, ambition, envy, strife, anger, carelessness, covetousness, jealousy, condemnation ... the tree is huge. There is no place to list it all. Only one thing is important to know, and that this tree is earthly.

Ambition is rooted in showing off or proving something to others. It is a motivation to excel on this earth. This motivation is nonexistent in heaven, for what can you show the Omniscient God? What can you prove to Him that He does not know yet?

Envy is also nonexistent in heaven, because all things, which the Father has are also yours and you do not even have any sense of possessing anything; then how can one be envious of someone else? Just as you cannot take anything with you to the other side when you die, this speaks louder than anything else for on the other side no one possesses anything. Before one crosses over one must relinquish all possessions, which in fact brought one down to earth in the first place.

Possessions define people and people kill others just to have them. How outrageously proud and important people behave in a stately manor and how ridiculously humble people behave in a poor house the moment a well-dressed person visits it. The thought of having money in a bank, and of being the owner of a mansion, even a castle, transforms a normal person into something outlandish. One may not realize that while one pompously entertains his most respectable guests, banks suddenly collapse and the collateralized castle ceases to belong to one. Nonetheless that knowledge does not yet hit the magnate, but the moment it does, quite a different persona appears. It has happened many times before; some being so crushed take their own life; they enter the netherworld with nothing. All that time, during which that same mind kept on being oblivious to the possibility of better knowing the Creator, could have been used to study Him.

It is not God's will that one should be poor in order to know Him; these notions are also man's imaginations. Whether one lives in a shack or a castle, to God it is all as nothing.

One should know who he or she is in the Creator's eyes, reflecting Him rather than accumulating physical things for a sense of identity. Being independently wealthy gives one a sense of freedom, a symbol of God's Kingdom, which is boundless. It is also God's love for His beloved to shower one with wealthy independence for in that independence one has the opportunity to better develop spiritually.

Rich or poor, prominent or nobody, one does not change, one remains constant, just as He is constant. The earthly ownership is a pure illusion, but even worse, when we get so attached to it we become territorial which provokes strife and anger. There is no anger in heaven, but perfect harmony. Strife is nonexistent in heaven, for what would you fight over? The immeasurable boundless realm?

God may be angry, but only in relation to the physical earth. Period. In heaven, quite naturally, everyone cares for another and no one needs to be taught these things. It's just natural, for such is our heavenly Father and His nature in us also. God, being the Perfect Love permeates all with His awesome love.

Covetousness or jealousy stem from owning things or rather thinking so, which breeds complaisance. In heaven we are all excitedly beautiful, but we enjoy the beauty of others, for in heaven one finds no mirrors, therefore nothing to improve or correct. No one condemns anyone, for everyone is sinless, hurtles, body-less, none of which can experience pain and frustration. The medieval artists did not take that into consideration when they painted devils and naked people being pierced with sharp prongs. The flesh orientation is so powerful that it takes over even the heavenly, post-earth imaginations. No one thinks that by the time such supposed tortures would take place the bodies would have been completely decomposed or totally disintegrated. If one imagines new resurrected bodies then how can these celestial bodies experience pain or any torment again? What kind of god did they give to us? Do you still believe in that sort of a god? He is not my heavenly Father the Lord Jesus introduced me to.

As we continue on, the reader will find the culprits and through the sheer recognition of who is who, and who is doing what, one can repent and return to his or her God in beauty and majesty of true sonship.

Self-identity comes from matter. Only our bodies were formed from the earth's dust as it is said in Genesis 2:7, but as we read in Genesis 1:26 the initial body-less creation was purely spiritual. The image of God is not as we understand it to be, for it is TZELEM (Hebrew), which means, "reflection" or "mirror." Since in heaven there are no mirrors the mirror, man, is on earth. Jesus was the mirror of the Father and now, through Him, we, like His firstborn Son, begin to also reflect the Father.

[Genesis 2: 5] says that, *"There was no man to cultivate the ground."*

We understand that it was the physical man who cultivated the physical ground, for how can spiritual man cultivate physical ground? Therefore the following sentence (verse 7) speaks of making the physical shell, which over time man got so overbearingly attached to.

In time, man would amass wealth and give God a sacrifice just to keep Him out of one's business. The fascination with sacrifices comes from the earliest days, yet His Firstborn Son said:

[Matthew 12:7] But if you had known what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,'

Isaiah cried out.

[Isaiah 1:11] "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats."

Both scriptures speak of the immoral and merciless human practices. Yet most would rather continue practicing it and give an offering to God (as if to shut Him up) than have God be involved in their lives, which would require repentance and a change of heart. If that does not speak of pride and extremely deep attachment to this earth, then there is no stronger message. Yet, he who has ears will hear. He who has eyes will see. He who has heart will turn back to his or her Maker, but those who love their fleshly selves only, will have to say goodbye to this earth. They invite unnecessary suffering for themselves and thereby for others. The earth suffers until this temporary picture must fade away. Yet, many not only torment the living but even the dead with spiritistic séances and occult practices, inventing death-glorifying religions. They refuse to know God's straight and pure ways; their unbelief prods them to strange practices. Should I look at these, explore them or take part in them when I know that these only draw God's severe anger? Never!

I would encourage you to repent and cry for mercy until you are cleansed. Let the gates of repentance be opened up to you and may you be washed with clean water and made ready to enter the new reality of which speak here.

We are being known by our fruits, which are either carnal or spiritual. The seed of God displays more and more of the spiritual fruits as we gradually conform to the image of God.

In conclusion, pride comes from self-identity, which draws its identity from the fleshly shell, which, in turn, draws its identity from the dust of the earth. Anything that can be pinpointed, located and identified is fleshly and it can be controlled.

No one could control Jesus simply because he was totally yielded to the will of the Father. Anything He said or did was the Father abiding in Him or rather in His earthly shell until the Garden of Gethsemane where He gave up His physical shell. Because He had delivered the will of the earthly flesh into the will of the Father, He did not cry in self-defense when scourged. When the crown of thorns was pressed down into His skull, He did not cry out. When they drove nails through His hands and feet He asked the Father to forgive the ignorant Roman soldiers.

Jesus never spoke from Himself.

[John 5:31] "If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true."

[John 10:37] "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

The Spirit world operates on the principle of selflessness. Anyone knowing this and understanding it, and then thinking and acting this way, will eventually draw the heavenly

power down to earth and onto any point of need. (Our bodies fix themselves over time, as the proper balance of nutrients and vitamins pass through them. The proper amount of movement and sweat is also important, but none of these can compare with the movement of His Spirit within us.)

The Father, being the decision maker can't do anything without the Word - His Son, and the Son can't do anything on His own without the Father; who again can't do anything without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit cannot speak from Himself (John 16:13), but that which the Word (Jesus) says, and Jesus never spoke nor ever will speak from Himself, but only what the Father says. And the Father uses the Word, His Son and the creative power of the Holy Spirit simultaneously. This is the oneness of God, which the natural mind has a hard time grasping.

Do you want to experience the love of God in your life?

If you have not yet experienced the pure unadulterated love of your Maker, but just the so-called human, often manipulating love, then the way to such an experience has been already paved.

You must understand that the pride of this physical life, with all its attachments and definitions, ceases at the point of relinquishment of the breath of life. The deathbed is not the place to experience the true love of God. It is an entry into the world of silence and dormant waiting. The Bible terms it as sleep. Apostle Paul describes it very clear.

[1 Thessalonians 4:15] For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

Paul says that it is not he saying it, which he sometimes used to say, but the Lord. Paul again describes this state as sleeping.

[1 Thessalonians 5:9-11] For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake (presently living) or asleep (dead), we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Before you permanently close your eyes, please realize the fact now that eventually all that you have been attached to; or even fell in love with, you will have to part with. This parting will be very sad, if not painful.

If you are wealthy you will notice the presence of the hungry-for-your-wealth vultures. Yes, it is sad. Perhaps, as most, you have embraced the philosophy that everyone one day must die, and leave to others all one has spent an entire life to amass. It is indeed sad. It is true, whether one departs through the death door, or like Enoch of old who had altogether bypassed that dreary passage into Sheol; either way, one must get detached; by force or by choice.

Pride of this life keeps on perpetuating itself in many forms and one of them is the accumulation of wealth, but when it fails many do commit suicide. They don't seem to be able to look into the eyes of those that placed him or her on such a high pedestal. A 'poor' billionaire can't face the investors, who like him, have been attached to matter and trusted in his abilities to multiply it. If you detach any other meaning from it gold becomes just a shiny metal. However, when many are after it, gold begins to shine with that value.

From the 13th to 15th Century, religion was selling salvation. Since so many wanted to be saved, salvation—offered by the only 'true church'—became a most lucrative enterprise. Because it was so lucrative, any 'heretic' had to be destroyed because such was regarded as someone trying to steal some of the commerce away from those who claimed to have a monopoly on salvation.

Still, after so many years people have not stopped seeking redemption and salvation. But above all, they want to know their Creator, yet without the thick frame of an organized religion.

Yes, religion is still that frame holding the spiritual picture; God's depiction became miniscule for the frame, over time, has overshadowed it. As a result, many turned agnostic, some atheists and others altogether stopped attending any religious services while believing in God their own private way.

Have I not gone through these oppressive and often-silly religious practices myself; and if God had not given me the light to see, I would lead you to religion and not to Him.

It is odd that the moment freedom and living relationship with God is offered, this in itself seems to be viewed as threat to any religious establishment and its leadership, unless of course it is done within that particular frame.

As businesses do, religions also compete for the faithful and once they gain one, they do everything in their power to keep sheep in their stall. Sometimes it comes to the point of complete possessiveness and control, which often results in oppression. Sheep (church people), do not realize that they are under a religious oppression and sometimes a leader does not know that he or she oppresses. Jesus said to Peter tend MY sheep. Love MY sheep. Feed MY sheep. (John 21:15-17) All of God's children belong to the Great Shepherd and not the earthly one. Since pastoral anointing is only leased to us we should be very careful not to overstep those boundaries.

Since time immemorial we know of the free thinker's persecutions. The unaffiliated with any officially recognized establishment, if you will, a free roamer, is being hunted and often gotten rid of. Without those free roamers, we would not have the Bible today. All that we would probably have are only those written by imposters—only for monetary gains—Apocryphal Books. Yet, God's prophets were the voice of God on earth. All prophets were in hiding and many of them killed. From John the Baptist to Jesus and His apostles; the first Christians were eaten by lions or crucified.

Between the aforementioned centuries, many were burnt at stakes or beheaded. The murder of 'God's voice on earth' continues. And all these actions come from the pride of this life, protecting their enterprises at all cost.

Whether this overwhelming self-drive evidences itself in the secular world or in religion; it serves as a separator rather than a uniter. God called His prophets because He loves you. God called Jesus, who is the expression of God's love, to save you from the pride of life, which is in this present world. Will you embrace that love now?

Will you humbly kneel and pour your heart out to your heavenly Father thanking Him for His Son who died just for you? You do not need to die, all you need to do is to humble this pride of life before Him by confessing all your failings, hurts and pains. Confess all your transgressions and sins whatever you can remember and perhaps anything you can't remember... simply cry to Him for help and He will answer you.

[Jeremiah 33:3] 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

The only way to extract the saving grace from God the Spirit is by making and preparing a room for Him in your mind, heart and soul. God is Spirit and He will come into your life spiritually. The Way the Truth and the Life, which Jesus Christ is indeed, will lead you to your Creator; and will lead you through the entire reconciliation process with Him.

You need to reconcile with God. The price has been paid and the way is opened up. One thing remains for you to do and that is a deep, heartfelt confession and humbling of pride. The thick layer of crust, which the physical world gave us, and which we have also inherited from our predecessors, must be broken. Do that now. Would you please?

Daniel 10:12 From the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

May I help you in your decision now?

Remember that the reconciliation with God the Father through His Son Jesus happens through heartfelt words. Just as people marry at the altar by acknowledging their intentions to be joined for life, they say "yes I do" and they mean it. These simple words, laden with serious intentions and love for the other; and spoken out loud, make it happen. The two become one. The same is with God. The meaning and feeling-charged words will change your dry oblivion into a vibrant relationship with the Father.

By way of help here are some meaningful words you should consider: "Oh heavenly Father. I was born with the pride of life and I have walked in that pride most of my life, but it brought me no blessing. I am tired of living in just the physical dimension, I am not just blood, flesh and bones; I am also spirit. You are Spirit and I do love you, Father."

"Please forgive all of my transgressions and my ignorance regarding Your Word and Your commandments. If my forefathers did not love You by keeping Your commandments I want to change that. I want to know You and Your ways."

"With my lips and with my whole heart I ask You to forgive my entire family tree for all evils, transgressions and sins we have committed against others and against You. Have mercy on me, and my family roots. I confess their and my sins."

(List here sins you can remember. This is only to break the pride of life and make an opening for His light, love and joy. Keep on doing it until you experience melting. Perhaps the emotion of pity and tears... That's a good thing. He is touching you. As you draw closer to Him then He also draws closer to you. He does not need to humble His pride, for God has none. That is the reason why you must draw closer to Him first. Stay in that attitude for a while. Do not rush anything. Take your time. He is now the priority in your life.)

Close your prayer with these words: "Thank you, Father for sending Your Son Jesus, my personal Lord and Savior who died for me on the cross and was raised from the dead. My assurance of eternal life and my glory; now and forever! AMEN"

You are now reborn. Saved forever!

Write to us and confess Him as your Lord and Savior

Jesus said in Matthew 10:32-33: *"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. "But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven."*

Confession, witness and sharing with others; is very important.

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