

RUINING PRIDE

Jeremiah 13:1-11 (Pew Bible page 545)

We are constantly searching for the one thing that will satisfy us. Yet each time we trust the promises of our possessions, we are deceived to think that life can be found apart from God. Although we know that God is truth, we chose to turn away from him. We follow Satan's path and decide that the things of earth can provide for the deepest needs of our heart. Pride emerges. Idols are formed. Sin has arrived.

Instead of living for the sole purpose of glorifying God, we begin to live to glorify ourselves. Meeting our own desires becomes the driving force in our life. Relational comfort becomes our primary goal. As our pride continues to grow, we believe that we are entitled to a comfortable, successful life and we expect others to cooperate. In our foolish pride, we believe that if God is good, then He will also cooperate. Our spiritual life then consists of manipulating God, not glorifying and worshiping Him.

Jeremiah teaches us that God is opposed to human pride and will eventually bring it down.

1. You show pride when you...

...refuse to listen to God's words.

...stubbornly continue doing only what you want to do.

...chase after all kinds of earthly things.

2. God intends that you...

...cling closely to him in intimate relationship.

...be a means by which his name and glory is known.

TAKING IT HOME...