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PRIDE

Proverbs 6:16-25

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Likewise, in the fall of man, Eve was enticed by these words, "Ye shall be as God" (*Genesis 3:5*). Fallen humans have usurped the place of God ever since.

In the LORD's listing of the seven abominable sins which He hates, pride is mentioned first: "A proud look" (*Prov.* 6:16-17). "Pride and arrogancy...do I hate" (*Prov.* 8:13). Pride always results in ruin: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (*Proverbs* 16:18). The proud man will always face God's fierce opposition, "for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

How remarkable that **this chief sin of PRIDE has become the watchword of the LGBT movement**, every letter of which represents a sexual lifestyle which is contrary to God's plan for a man and woman (see *Gen 2:21-24; Rom. 1:26-27*). Yet, we are told that such sinful conduct should be celebrated by towns and professional sports teams by having *PRIDE* days. Those committing such acts of depravity are proud of the sins they have embraced and want others to celebrate with them. They parade their sin like Sodom (*Isaiah 3:9*). They have taken the **rainbow**, the sign of God's merciful promise to never again judge the world by a flood, and made it the emblem of their anti-God movement, as if they are daring God to judge them.

As ambassadors for Christ, may God enable us to lovingly present them with the Gospel of a crucified and risen Saviour! Such were some of us, but we are washed, justified, sanctified and transformed by His grace (1 Cor. 6:9-11)! God can do the same for them!

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