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## “Voluntary School Prayer”

Dr. John Adams

### Executive Director Moral Action

Public expression through prayer of our faith in God is a fundamental part of our American heritage. Nearly every President has proclaimed an annual day of public prayer to acknowledge Almighty God.

We acknowledge God's guidance on our coinage, in our national anthem, and in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas stated in 1952, “We are a religious people whose institutions pre-suppose a Supreme Being.”

If the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, all state legislatures, and even the U.S. Supreme Court can begin each day with prayer of religious invocations, why aren't public school children allowed the same privilege?

### A Word from Our Nation's Capitol

After three years of effort, the Regan administration in early 1984 got its voluntary school prayer amendment before the U. S. Senate for a vote. The prayer amendment had popular support.

A June 1982 and January 1984 Gallup poll showed an average of 79 percent of the American public wanted to allow prayer in public schools, yet only 56 of 100 senators voted for it, 11 votes shy of the required two-thirds majority.

The major purpose of the prayer amendment was that the courts could not forbid children from voluntary vocal prayer in their school. It reasserted their liberty of free religious expression. It would ensure that no child would have been forced to



recite a prayer.

A Supreme Court decision, *Widmar vs. Vincent*, upheld the right of religious persons to meet on college campuses, but that right has not been expanded to high school and elementary students.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair was the one lady who challenged and won in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1963 and its ruling was directly responsible for abolishing school prayer. Since then her son has disclaimed her devilish efforts against God.

President Ronald Reagan in an address to broadcasters stated, “Neither should the freest country on earth ever have permitted God to be expelled from the school classrooms. When the Supreme Court ruled that school prayer was unconstitutional, I believe it ruled wrong.”

Americans can be heard by writing your representatives to let them know how you feel.

### A Word From Our States

A Texas school was deluged by several tornadoes, and to protect themselves, teachers and students were herded into the school gym, where they prayed out loud for their lives.

The school was entirely destroyed except for the gym, but the school principal was strongly reprimanded for praying aloud because school prayer in Texas is unconstitutional.

One New York (along with dozens of other states) lower court overacted holding the following verse recited by kindergarten children to be an establishment of religion: “We thank you for the flowers so sweet. We thank you for the food we eat. We thank you for the birds that sing. We thank you for everything.”

Students at Guilderland High School near Albany, New York, sought to use an empty classroom for a voluntary prayer meeting room before class day began.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals said “No” claiming it could be a bad influence on other students if they were “to see the captain of the football team or the student body president participation in communal (school) prayer meetings.”

### A Word from Heaven

Luke 18:1 declares that flesh will faint and become wearisome apart from prayer to God. All our children are made in God's divine image and should have a time to talk to the Heavenly Father.

How absurd and bizarre are our times when the First Amendment is invoked to allow Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan to march on public property and urge the extermination of Jews and the subjugation of blacks and yet prevents children from Bible study and prayer in public schools.

Solomon, the great King, declared: “The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord; but the prayer of the upright is his delight,” Proverbs 15:8. The entire division of Psalms 5 relates to God honoring those who pray.

Permission for such school prayer exercises are urged through such Bible stands as I Timothy 2:1, Matthew 19:13-15, and Romans 13:1-4.

Permission for such exercises for those who want them is necessary if the schools are truly to be neutral in the matter of religion; and a refusal to permit students to pray is seen not as neutrality, but rather as the establishment of a religion of secularism.

God restore again thyself before our children!

# "A Simple Love Story"

God's Word is replete with volumes of important truths.

Historical happenings.  
Prophetic promises.  
Healthy habits.  
Relationship rules.  
Life lessons.

But at the center of it all is one very needed and necessary revelation we all must come to recognize. God loves us.

He...loves...us.

Perhaps the greatest statement ever realized by mankind is this, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." It's the basis of the Bible, the heartbeat of the message within the Scriptures. The heart of God is the fulcrum on which all of His Word balances.

I realize every story in the Bible, every action of God, carries the purpose of bringing glory and praise to His wonderful name. God exists to bring glory to Himself.

Let thy glory be above all the earth...

Let the whole earth be filled with his glory...Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name... Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name...The glory of the LORD shall endure forever.

But His greatest glory can be found in His love for His creation. That our Heavenly Father wants a relationship with people. Those messed up, beat down, down and out, out of control, people that He dreamed up and formed into existence.

How do I know He loves us?

What else did He create that carries His reflection, made in His image? Who else would He trust to represent Him? It's not a difficult challenge to believe in God. I can see his fingerprints on the entire world.

No, the amazing thing for me, is to see that He believes in me. He trusts me with His call, He equips me to speak to His people, He includes me in His plan.

Not because of my abilities, but in spite of the lack of them. That God would allow us to be in on what He is up to, is a pure sign of love.

How do I know?

Because when He should have destroyed us, He chose to redeem us.

Genesis six records that mankind grieved the heart of God by turning their back on Him. That He was sorry He ever created us.

He could have wiped the drawing board of creation and erased us from existence. But instead of destroying us,

He delivered us, in the form of a floating zoo.

God saved a remnant of those He loved, because He chose to start again. Noah didn't earn the right to live, but He found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

The story of the Israelites told in the book of Judges is one of a people who repeatedly rejected their God,

Jehovah. It cries out repeatedly as its theme, "and every man did what was right in his own eyes."

Each time God could have easily turned His back on them. Each time He chose instead to deliver them from their captors.

And all of this is eclipsed by His expression of love on a cross. The pain and agony, the disgrace of the cross. He could have left us with the same destiny as another band of heavenly rebels. But instead He chose to redeem us.

How do I know?

Because the Bible tells me so.

For God so loved the world. Not the globe, not the planet, not the earth, but the people He placed in this world. His creation, His masterpiece.

For God so loved the world, He would sacrifice His only Son, Jesus to win them back. To allow Him to come here, to live amongst us in our disgust and disbelief. To extend His hand to us in love, only to have nails driven through it.

For God so loved the world He would do all of this in the hope, the chance that anyone might believe enough to come and exist with Him in an everlasting life. To be with Him forever.

Jesus loves me this I know, because His Bible tells me so.



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# "I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

## "Dirt, Demons, and Donkeys"

Years ago, our daughter, Amber, was helping a friend clean house. She decided she would vacuum the living room and dining room. This was an old house, and those two areas were massive.

Determined to do a good job, she pulled the vacuum cleaner slowly over the carpet. After about 45 minutes of fastidious work, she had finished the living room and was halfway through the dining room.

Switching off the sweeper she turned to admire her work. She was shocked at the sight before her; dirt and debris were scattered all over her freshly swept carpet!

Glancing down at the sweeper, she saw the culprit. The hose that connects to the sweeper for vacuuming upholstery was still attached! As she diligently vacuumed, it sprayed all the rubbish on the carpet behind her! All her hard work was worthless!

Her ineffectual and futile attempt at cleaning reminded me of a vain and fruitless spirit among Christian's: PRIDE. When pride enters into our lives, not only does it make what we strive for worthless, but it makes a big mess too!

As I studied God's word, I found it astonishing and even frightening at the damage pride does to us and to those around us. If pride were rated as a spiritual disease, it would be in the top 10 killers. I'd like to share with you several of the destructive results of pride.

### **Pride causes man to put himself above God**

Men, today, are so full of themselves their hearts have no room for God. They tend overlook the fact that no one has ever been greater than Jesus.

Despite His greatness, He humbled himself to become but a mere man, take

all our filthy sins upon Him, and die a humiliating death to save us. How can man even begin to place himself above others, when the King of Kings humbled himself to die for even the most wretched sinner?!

*Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Philippians 2:6-8

### **Pride causes man to rob God**

All honor, glory and credit goes to God. He created us, shares His bounty with us, and without Him we are nothing. When we take the credit, we rob God of His praise and glory.

*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

Galatians 6:14

Whatever we accomplish or become in this life, it is by the hand of God.

*For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

Romans 12:3

### **Pride robs man**

Pride robs man of success. There is a simple equation for this:

Pride = self-worship = sin = punishment = destruction.

*An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.*

Proverbs 21:4

*Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 16:18

God hates sin ( He specifically names pride as #1 in His Top Seven List of most hated sins!), and all sin must be punished.

*These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look...*

Proverbs 6:16-17a

*Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.*

Proverbs 16:5

It can't get any clearer than this, folks! Pride often robs man of the very objects he boasts of! In loving discipline God sometimes chooses to take from us whatever we put our confidence in.

Humiliation seems to be the swiftness road to bring us back to our caring Father.

*A man's pride shall bring him low:*

Proverbs 29:23

### **Pride robs a man of the respect of others**

How embarrassing it is when we are riding on our high horse and fall off! Suddenly our hypocrisy, weaknesses, and ignorance, is exposed. We can no longer hide behind our imaginary

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# Big Announcements from CBC

## **Dr. Jeremy Langley Named President of Central Baptist College**

Dr. Jeremy Langley has been appointed as the next president of Central Baptist College, the institution's Board of Trustees announced last week. Langley assumed the role on May 27, becoming the tenth president in the college's 73-year history.

Langley brings more than two decades of combined experience in higher education, ministry, and leadership to the position. He has served as CBC's executive vice president since August 2024.

Before arriving in Conway, he spent more than a decade as the associate pastor of Brister Baptist Church in Emerson and seven years in various roles at Southern Arkansas University, including assistant to the president, associate director of athletics, and assistant director of development.

"Speaking for the entire CBC board, we are thrilled to name Dr. Jeremy Langley as the new President of Central Baptist College," said Kirk Shelton, Board Chairman.

"Our search began over a year ago with the announcement of President Kimbrow's planned retirement this year. We believe that God brought Dr. Langley to us, and as one board member said, 'he checked all the boxes and exceeded our expectations.'

Dr. Langley hit the ground running working alongside President Kimbrow last fall and has developed a great relationship with administration, faculty, and staff. I believe he is the right man in

the right place at the right time."

Langley holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in Ministry Leadership from Liberty University, a Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology from the Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary, a Master of Public Administration from Southern Arkansas University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Mass Communications from Ouachita Baptist University.

He formerly served as a Justice of the Peace on the Columbia County Quorum Court, where he chaired the Court's finance committee.

"I am honored to accept the call to serve as president of Central Baptist College," Langley said.

"This institution has a rich legacy of preparing students for lives of service grounded in biblical truth. I look forward to building on that legacy and leading the college into a season of growth and impact. My chief goal is to ensure CBC continues to be a place where Christ is exalted and God is glorified."

Langley succeeds Terry Kimbrow, who retired May 26 after more than 20 years as president.

## **Duffy Guyton Named Vice President for Advancement**

Central Baptist College has announced the promotion of Duffy Guyton to Vice President for Advancement, effective July 1, 2025.

In this role, Guyton will lead the

college's advancement operations, including fundraising, church relations and donor engagement. He brings to the position a diverse background in development, ministry, and higher education leadership.

"I am excited to appoint Duffy to this key leadership position," said CBC President Dr. Jeremy Langley "He is widely respected on the CBC campus and among the churches of the Baptist Missionary Association.

His dedication to Christ-centered education and his ability to connect with donors, churches and alumni make him uniquely qualified to help advance our mission."

Guyton has served at CBC since 2017 when he joined the institution as Director of Church Relations and as the pitching coach for the CBC Mustangs baseball program.

Prior to joining CBC, he served as Chief Development Officer and Dean of Admissions at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Cordova, Tennessee.

"It is both a great honor and deeply humbling to be considered for this position," Guyton said. "With 33 years of multifaceted ministry experience – ranging from local church leadership to higher education administration – my heart continues to beat for the people of God and His church. I am passionate about leading others in the area of biblical generosity, grounded in respect, honor, and through a heart of shepherding."

A former minor league pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinal organization, Guyton began his work in higher education at Dallas Baptist University where he served as a coach and Director of Athletic Fundraising.

He has served churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Texas in various pastoral roles.

Guyton is also involved in several

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Conway-area ministries. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Faulkner County and teaches a weekly Bible class at Renewal Ranch Ministries.

He was also the director of Conway Ministerial Alliance Pastors Association from 2017-2021.

A native of West Monroe, La., Guyton earned a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and a Master of Education in Higher Education from Dallas Baptist University.

He later earned a Master of Divinity from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

Guyton and his wife, Dawn, reside in Conway where they are active members of Central Baptist Church. The couple has four adult sons, all of whom are CBC alumni.

"I will always be grateful to Bro. Terry Kimbrow for first allowing us to be part of this incredible institution," Guyton added. "It is equally inspiring to step into a new chapter with Dr. Langley and be part of the exciting future ahead."

Founded in 1952, Central Baptist College is a four-year, private Christian liberal arts college committed to transforming lives through Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

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## Fall Stampede Days Announced

The CBC Stampede Open House schedule has been set for the 2025-2026 academic year. We will offer prospective students three opportunities to experience campus life firsthand.

The Stampede Preview Days at Central Baptist College allow prospective students to immerse themselves in campus life alongside their peers. During these Preview Days, attendees will enjoy a guided campus tour, have lunch in the dining hall, participate in a chapel service, and observe a class.

Faculty members and professors will be available to meet and answer questions. Additionally, students will have the option (by appointment) to meet with a representative from the

Athletic Department or audition for the Music Department.

At the end of the day, attendees will have a chance to win a CBC door prize!

The Stampede Preview dates for 2025-2026 are as follows: Wednesday, October 8; Wednesday, November 12; and Wednesday, March 4.

To register for an upcoming Preview Day, please visit [cbc.edu/visit](http://cbc.edu/visit). If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Admissions Office via email at:

**[admissions@cbc.edu](mailto:admissions@cbc.edu)**

**or by phone at  
501.329.6873**

## Schedule a Personal Campus Tour

In addition to the Preview Days, individual tours are available through CBC's Office of Admissions.

There is no better way for students to become familiar with CBC than by visiting the campus, taking a tour, sitting in on a class, exploring the residence halls, dining in the dining hall, and engaging with administration, faculty, staff, and current students.

We encourage parents, pastors, and youth ministers to motivate their students to visit Central Baptist College before making a final college decision.

We believe that a campus visit can provide valuable insight regarding your college choice, something we have witnessed many times.

To register online, visit [www.cbc.edu/visit](http://www.cbc.edu/visit).

Once there, you can select either "Stampede Preview Days" or "Schedule Your Visit."

For questions, additional information, or to arrange a visit by phone, please contact the Admissions Office at 501.329.6873.

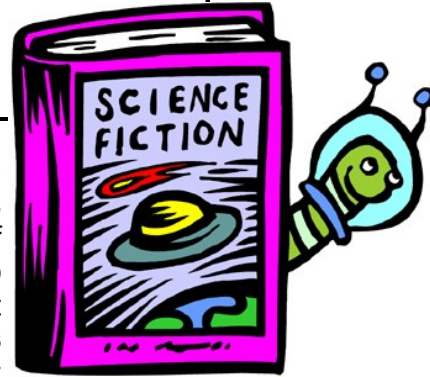
We look forward to seeing you soon!



# "That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

## "Science Fiction"



I have a lot of VHS tapes I have made over the years. Most of them were made when I didn't have time to watch the show, so I recorded it for later viewing.

That's a foolish premise. If I didn't have time to view it initially, why did I think I'd have time to view it later?

However, I have had, on occasion, been able to watch one, and was shocked to discover there is apparently a shelf life for VHS tapes. The picture of the one I chose to watch began flickering, jumping and hanging up.

It then straightened out and continued on for a short time, only to begin messing up again.

I recalled someone had told me VHS tapes could deteriorate after a time. I arbitrarily chose a few others, only to discover several of them had the same problem.

Deciding I needed to transfer them over to DVD's, I bought a DVD recorder. That worked fine except for the tapes that were already having a problem. Then the DVD recorder simply transferred the flickering and jumping to the DVD disc. Now I had a permanent record of the flickering. Still, I plunged ahead with the project.

In transferring the tapes I suddenly became aware of the number of science fiction tapes I had. Most of those clearly promote the theory of evolution, life on other planets, and destruction of earth by aliens.

I believe the Bible, which flatly contradicts those ideas, so I found myself wondering why I enjoy watching such types of movies. I've reached a conclusion about it, but I'm not sure it is the right one.

I don't like boring movies, and most of the science fiction movies aren't boring. I

like to see heroism in action and there's usually plenty of that, with the hero battling against overwhelming odds and coming out victorious.

But I think what I enjoy most about them is how outlandish their aliens are. It makes me glad God designed us and not some Hollywood writer.

Judging from their creatures, we would probably have green skin, four arms, breath through our forehead and have a large pointed head.

The important thing to remember about these movies is they are just that...movies! They aren't to be accepted as reality.

However, I went to see a movie with a friend a long time ago. It was a science fiction movie about creatures from outer space taking over the human body.

Afterward my friend said, "That was the dumbest movie I've ever seen." I thought he was talking about the idea of aliens taking over the human body. But he continued, "The police were driving Nash's for police cars. Police departments always use Fords or Chevys' The Nash ain't no police car."

God put some laws in place that cannot be violated, except in science fiction movies. The science fiction style of time and space travel is not possible under such laws.

However, there was a time when such laws were violated, and that was by Jesus Christ Himself, when He walked on water. Upon His being taken into the ship, it was immediately at the other shore. (John 6:15-21)

We are told, "when He appears we shall be like Him." In our glorified bodies, time travel and many of those other things I find fascinating in the science fiction movies will be a possibility.

However, no ray guns will be allowed.

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splendor; we are shamed.

When others see we are not what we profess to be, they will no longer respect us. God's Word assures that pride will bring us failure and shame, then why do we knowingly bring such heartache into our lives?

*When pride cometh, then cometh shame:...*

Proverbs 11:2a

## **Pride robs man of God's grace**

Grace is the unmerited favor of God toward man. It gives us the ability to do God's will.

Without His grace we cannot withstand the onslaughts of problems and persecution life throws at us. Neither are we able to conduct ourselves as a Christian in situations that arouse the flesh to react.

It protects us from bitterness (Heb. 12:15), helps us in time of need, (Heb. 4:16), gives us comfort and hope (2 Thess. 2:16), much, much more. Grace enables us to live the Christian life with joy and peace.

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:...*  
2 Corinthians 9:8

God stands against the proud. They are left to their own miserable devices. How sad to live in destitution with abundance so available!

*...for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*  
1 Peter 5:5b

***“All honor, glory and credit goes to God.  
He created us, shares His bounty with us,  
and without Him we are nothing.  
When we take the credit, we rob God  
of His praise and glory.”***

We misuse God's gifts and blessings. Pride causes us to use His tools for our personal gain instead of His intended purpose – to further His kingdom & glory.

Pride keeps our salvation from working in us. Instead of the Holy Spirit guiding us, the lusts of our flesh and the pride of life does.

No wonder pride destroys us and gets us all bent out of shape! A man's pride destroys him then he blames God for His problems! Kinda nervy don't you think?

## **Pride causes man to misuse intended purpose for things**

### ***Authority***

God gives positions of authority and leadership to serve, not be served. A prideful person wants to be served by others. He feels it is due him because of his position. The haughty lack the humility needed to be a servant for God and others.

Authority and leadership are also tools God uses to bring His plans to action.

Power hungry people use status to promote their own agenda, with pride as their fuel.

*But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;*

*And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:*

*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and*

*to give his life a ransom for many.*  
Matthew 20:26-28

## ***Money and earthy possessions***

Money is one of the most misused assets in today's world. God gives us money and earthly possessions that we may honor Him, further His work, and do good to others.

Our basic needs are just a small part of that. Pride drives people to use it for self-gratification. Hoarding and greed become the focus of their monetary blessings.

Intellect:

God created our minds to think, reason, and learn. The Almighty intended our intelligence and aptitude to be used to grow in knowledge of Him, His word and to disciple others.

Vanity snares man into utilizing his extraordinary mind to gather useless, worthless facts and trivia, or to exploit and deceive others for his gain.

Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.  
1 Corinthians 8:1b,2

## ***Time***

The tool of time is increasingly misused among Christians today. God gives us minutes, days and hours to worship, praise, and serve Him, fulfill His purpose, and witness and lead others to Christ.

The arrogance of pride has twisted time's soul purpose into man's tool for doing his will, seeking pleasure, relaxation, making money, and gaining possessions.

Is it any wonder today's society is so busy, stressed and unsatisfied. Misusing God's tools never brings about the desired result.

*So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*  
Psalm 90:12

## **Pride causes man to be foolish**

Pride is equal to foolishness. It is pretty

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foolish to take credit for something the Creator of the Universe did, that we could never have accomplished on our own!!

Had it not been for God's mighty hand, we would be nothing more than a pile of dirt pushing up daises! (see Genesis 3:19)

*Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.*

Proverbs 26:12

Therefore, we dare not be prideful of our substance, for all we possess is God's. It is simply the many blessings He richly bestows upon us.

*For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*  
Psalm 50:10

Our position or status among others cannot be a point of pride either. All authority comes from God, and with it goes a great responsibility. He is the One that puts men in places of authority. Leadership and pride are a dangerous combination.

Consider how it turned the religious leaders of Jesus' day into Pharisees!

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

Romans 13:1

How can we boast in our intellectual abilities? It is God who created our minds, and He is the Giver of all knowledge and wisdom.

*For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

Proverbs 2:6

***How embarrassing it is  
when we are riding on our  
high horse and fall off!  
Suddenly our hypocrisy,  
weaknesses, and ignorance,  
is exposed.***

Did you ever stop to think that pride turned angels into devils? How can we ever possibly think it would work any differently in us?!

**Pride causes problems and dissension among God's people.**

Pride is the basis for all contention in families, churches, and nations.

You see, pride has no room for the love of others, just the love of self. This is the reason it causes strife and conflict. Pride doesn't care who it hurts or what destroys, as long as it gets ITS way. At the root of many divorces, church splits and lawsuits lay the seed of pride.

*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

Philippians 2:3

**Scripture bares witness of this**

Pride reared its ugly head and even caused problems among the disciples. Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

*And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,*

*And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.*

Luke 9:46-48

Without a doubt we know that pride is of Satan and God hates it. When we allow pride in our lives, we put self on the throne of our heart rather than God.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Kids Camp**

July 14-18

Camp Cedar Hills  
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### **ReCharge '25**

September 29-October 1

Guest speaker Sam Rainer

### **BMAOK Annual Meeting**

October 3-4

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If we truly fear God and love Him, we will hate the sin of pride.

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,*  
Proverbs 8:13

To eliminate pride in our lives, we must humble ourselves and bow down. Then God is the one lifting us up, not ourselves.

So next time you sense yourself puffing up with visions of your own grandeur and importance, just remember:

Even a donkey saw an angel! (Read Numbers 22:23-33)