



## [Isaiah 14:13-14](#)

(13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

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We can see in [Satan](#) how [pride](#) will show itself in us. Pride brings us into contention with [God](#). It will exalt us into breaking one or more of His commandments, perhaps as a way of life. It will exalt us to deny what a scripture clearly says to defend a privately held belief (*i.e.*, women speaking in church, hair length).

It will cause us to reject the leadership of the ministry, given to the church as a gift of God (*cf.* [Jeremiah 43:1-2](#)). It will exalt us into striving for positions of leadership in the church (study all of Numbers 16).

Pride will exalt us against brothers in the church [fellowship](#) so we do not really [love](#) them (*i.e.*, gossiping about them, accusing, cutting them down [even in jest], never fellowshiping with them). It will make us contend with our brothers over scriptures that have little or nothing to do with [salvation](#), but "winning" an argument will become very important to us so we will not lose face.

It is no wonder [Proverbs 28:25](#) says, "He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the LORD will be prospered." God resists the proud, but gives [grace](#) (gifts that prosper one spiritually) to the humble.

The father and king of pride is an *adversary*. Whenever we witness contention that disrupts unity, where confusion and frustration are being produced, we can be sure that his dominant attitude is infecting the group. We need to [examine ourselves](#) to see where we may need to repent.

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