



## God Still Opposes the Proud!

Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Text: Acts 12:19-25

**Passage Summary:** In a world of temptations and pitfalls, it is so important that we live in light of the all-important, unchanging truth that there is a \_\_\_\_\_, and you and I are not \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that \_\_\_\_\_ comes before a fall, and left unchecked, will lead to \_\_\_\_\_! (12:19-25, cf Proverbs 16:18)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to pride...

- it blinds us to the true nature of God and our desperate need for Him, but \_\_\_\_\_ opens to door for \_\_\_\_\_! (v.19-25)

*Humility is having an accurate view of \_\_\_\_\_ because you have an accurate view of \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Remember:** When it comes to pride, it is still true that God opposes the proud, but it is equally true that God still gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the humble, and as we have been learning, \_\_\_\_\_ changes everything!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that your life up to now does not have to \_\_\_\_\_ you or determine your \_\_\_\_\_; one moment of sweet surrender can not only save the day, it can save your soul on the day of judgment.

*“On the second day of which shows he put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a contexture truly wonderful, and came into the theatre early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun’s rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those that looked intently upon him; (345) and presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another (though not for his good), that he was a god; and they added, ‘Be thou merciful to us; for although we have hitherto revered thee only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own thee as superior to mortal nature.’ (346) Upon this the king did neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery.”*

**Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews**

*“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.”*

**Isaiah 42:8**

*“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” and again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”*

**Hebrews 10:26-31**

*“When I survey the wonderful cross, on which the Prince of glory died,  
My riches gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.”*

**Isaac Watts**