

What is Humility?

I thought I needed to give God my righteousness so that he would forgive me. Paul said I was wrong. See Romans 10:3. God showed me that he is the power behind the good that I do. See Job 38:36, 41:11, John 15:5. Can I pay God with my righteousness if it already belongs to him? See Romans 3:20. If my righteousness belongs to God, what do I have left? I only have my sin. See Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:9-10.

So how do I escape this curse of sin? God offers his personal righteousness as a gift. See Isaiah 55:1, Romans 5:16-19. Does he give this gift to everyone? No, he gives this gift only to the humble. See James 4:6, Matthew 5:3, Matthew 21:44, Psalms 34:18, 147:3. The humble acknowledge that God is the power behind our good and that the only thing we have to offer God is our sins. The humble know they are evil. See Genesis 8:21, Matthew 7:11. The humble hate themselves. See Luke 14:26, Job 42:6, John 12:25, Romans 7: 15-19. They do not justify themselves through righteous deeds. See Psalm 51:16-17, Luke 18:9-14, They do not rob God by saying "I will do good if you forgive me." God saves the humble.

The proud say in their heart that I am good. See Proverbs 12:15. Every one that offers their own righteousness to God is full of pride and will be rejected. See Luke 18:9-14, 1 Samuel 2:9 The proud say- I have kept the commandments of God and will be rewarded. The proud are hypocrites because they cannot keep all the law. See James 2:10, Romans 2:17-23, 3:10-20, Matthew 15:7-9. The proud love themselves. The proud rely on themselves for deliverance. The proud say that God will surely forgive me because of my good deeds. The proud take credit for God's power in them. See Psalms 12:3-4, Job 32:1-2, Proverbs 3:7 The proud look good on the outside. Matthew 23:27-28. God hates the proud. See Proverbs 8:13. God does not save the proud. See Psalms 101:5.

The arrogant hate God. See Romans 1:18-32. They do not keep the commandments. John 5:45-47. They say there is no God. See Luke 16:31. They lie to themselves so they can commit sin without guilt. They invent ways to do evil. They follow their passions and do not hold back. The arrogant say they are good because there is no evil. God hates the arrogant. See Proverbs 8:13. God does not save the arrogant.

Where do you see yourself, what condition are you in?

The humble (meek)

Hate self

Nothing to offer God but sins.

The proud (good in own eyes)

Love self

Has good deeds to trade with God.

The arrogant (loves to do evil)

Hate God

Does not believe he will be punished.