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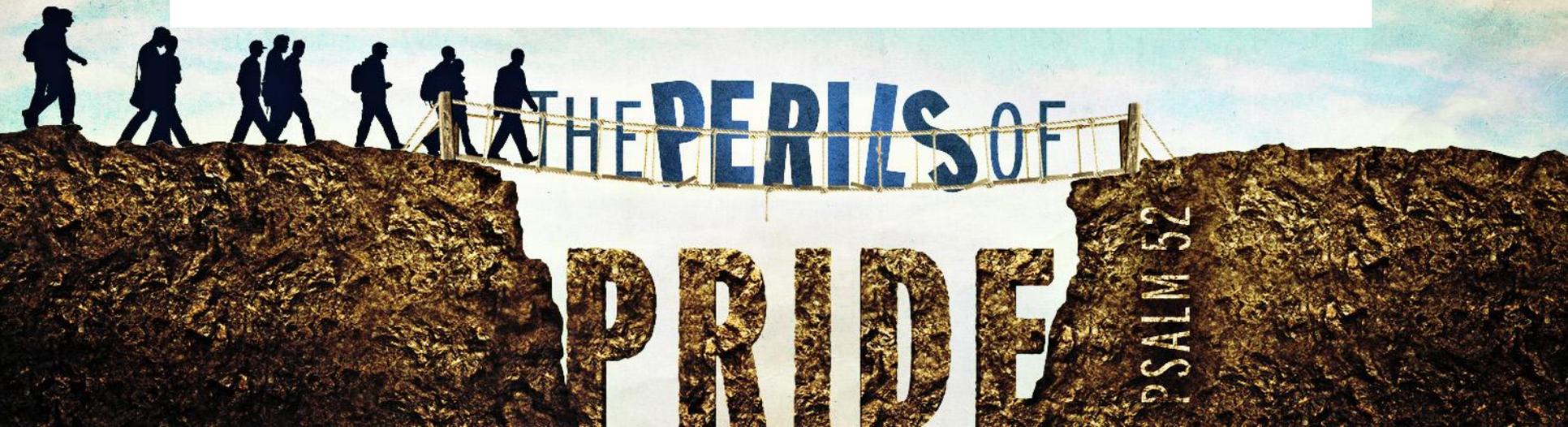
PRIDE

PSALM 52

# Pride and Wickedness!

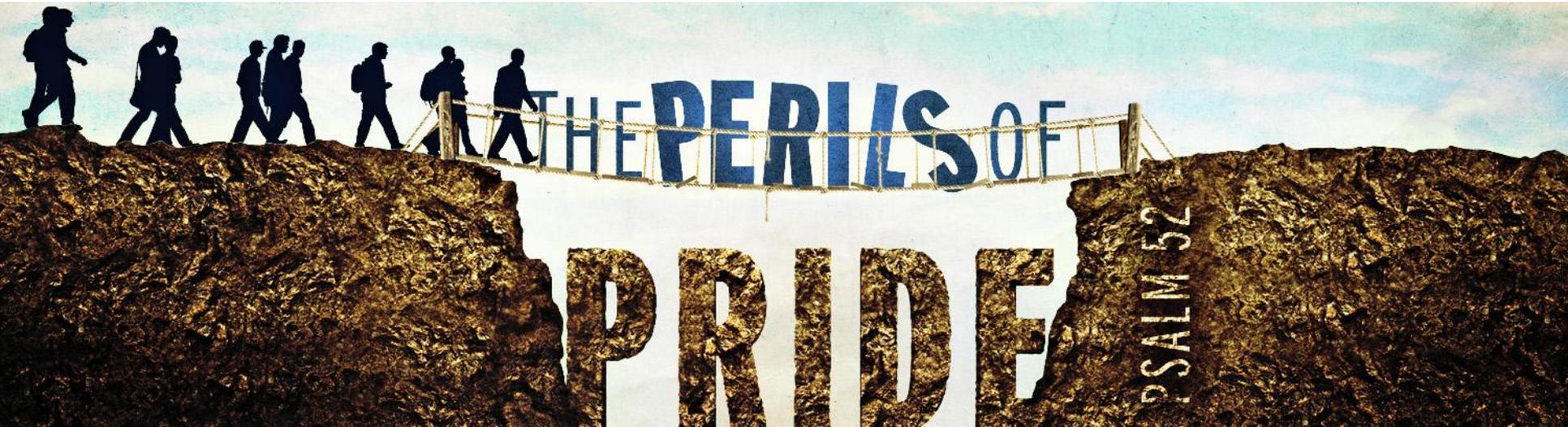
**Psalm 52** Gives us insight on how evil pride is, and tells a few of the wicked partners that accompany pride.

We need to learn this warning, lest we also be overtaken by this sin!



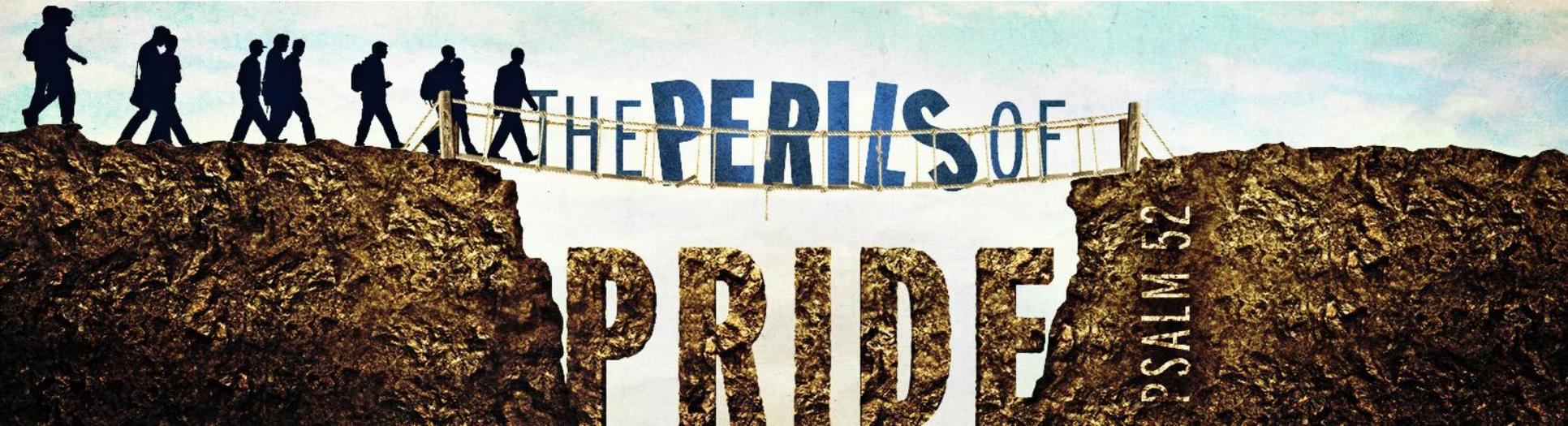
# The Discovery

- Pride is evil and existed in the devil.
  - He knew about it, it led to his downfall too.  
**1 Timothy 3:6**
  - The angels who left their proper abode (to go where they were not permitted) sinned against God. **Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4**
  - Mankind first did this in the garden. **Gen. 3:3ff**



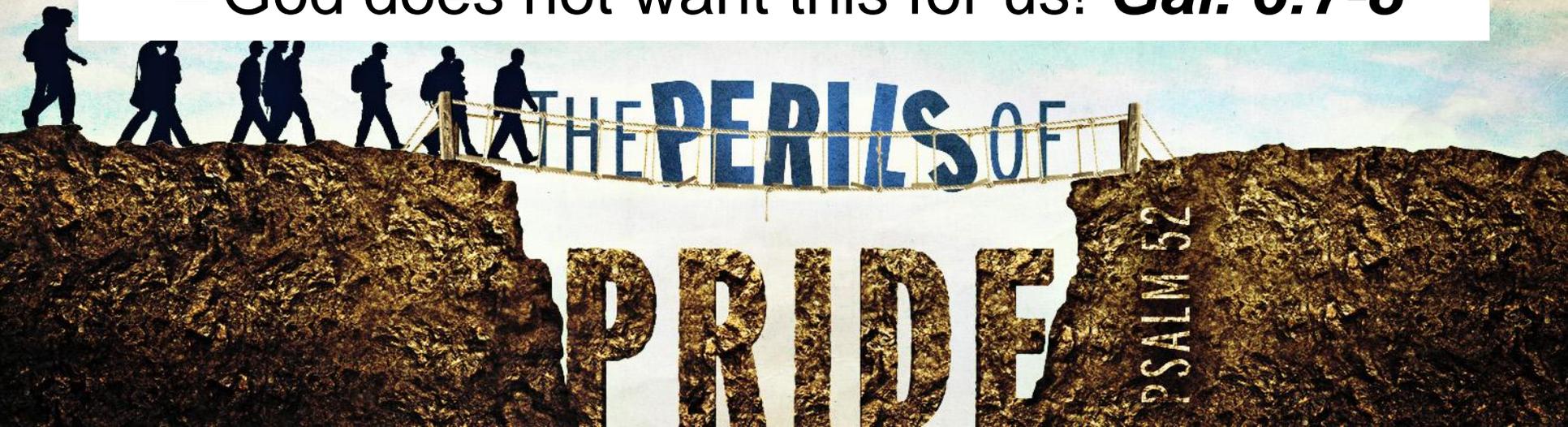
# Pride Led to the Fall!

- There are 3 paths toward sin, any one or all 3 will get you there! **1 John 2:15-17**
  - The lust of the flesh... *food* **Genesis 3:6**
  - The lust of the eyes... *pleasant*
  - The pride of life (selfish pride). *Wise/mind*
- *These 3 things are not from God but the world (the evil one).*



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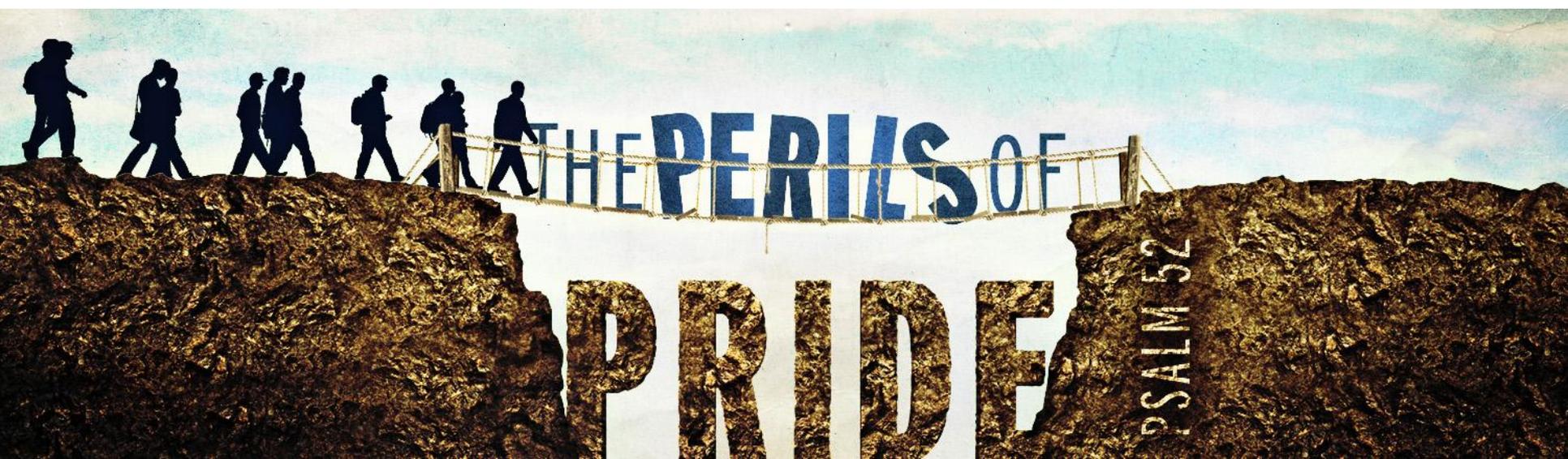
- The devil uses pride to deceive.
  - Effectively blinding people from the Truth.  
***2 Corinthians 4:4; Rev. 12:9***
- Deceives people to believe a lie.
  - They trust in evil, believing a lie over the truth. ***Psalm 52:7, 1; Rom. 1:25***
  - God does not want this for us! ***Gal. 6:7-8***



# God's Word Is the Cure!

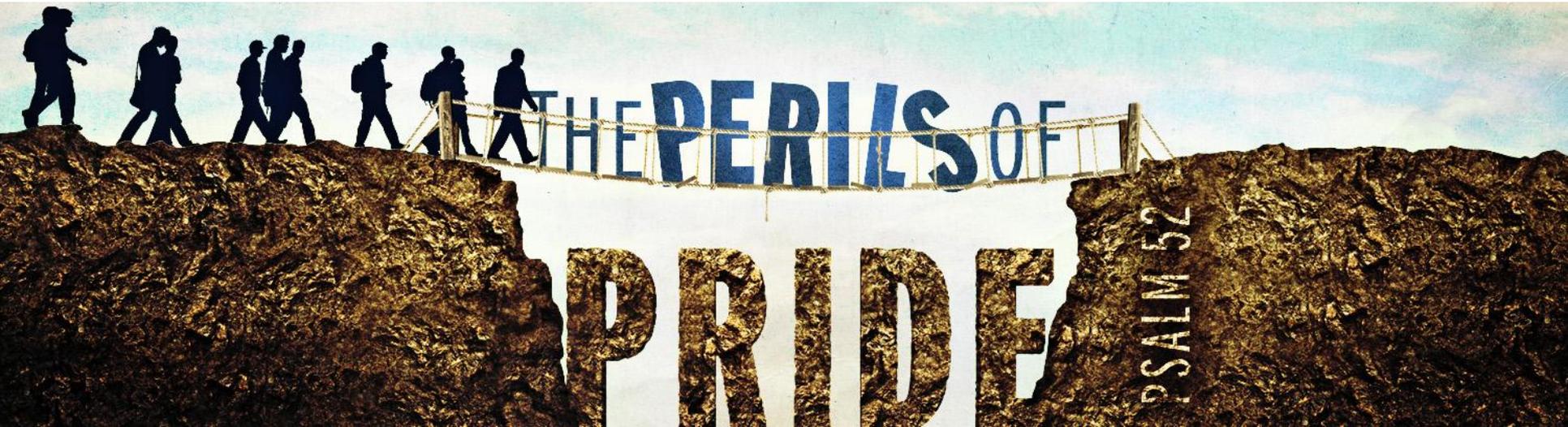
*Matthew 4:1-10*

- Jesus gave scripture to combat and win over the 3 paths of temptation to sin.
- We must use caution in our lives concerning pride (leads to destruction). ***Proverbs 16:18***
- Our goal -- always live honorably! ***Prov. 15:33***



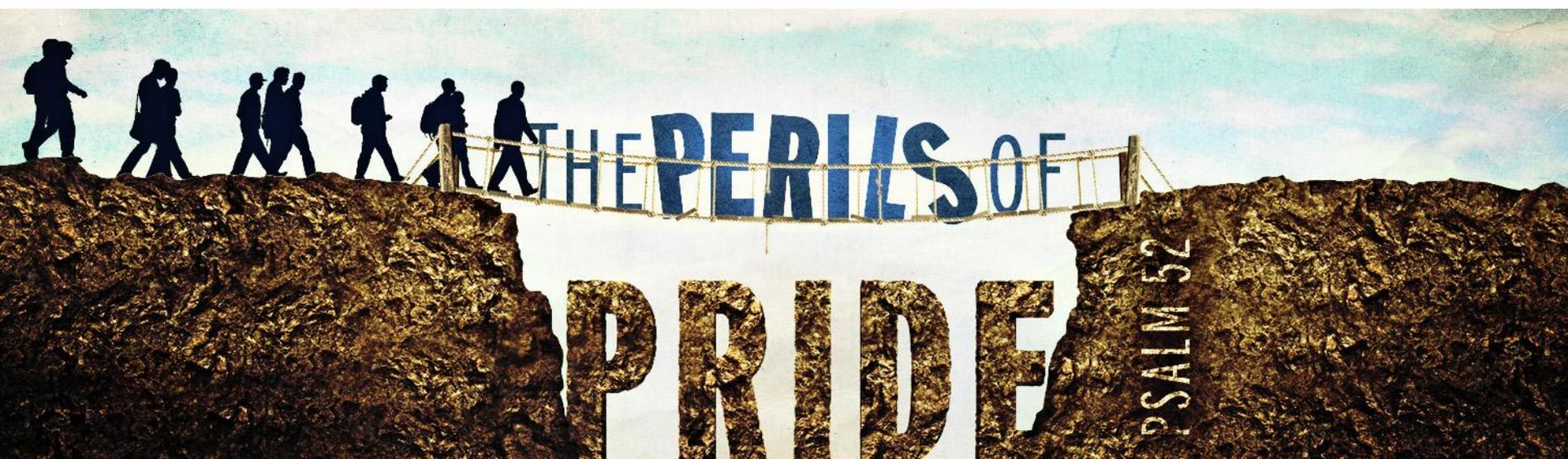
# Pride Clouds Our Good Judgment!

- It puffs us up. **1 Corinthians 13:4**
- Causes one to think too highly of himself.  
**Romans 12:3**
- Leads to ungodly comparisons. **1 Cor. 4:6**
- The prideful heart defiles us. **Mark 7:20-23**
  - Causes us to not be sober and vigilant. **1 Pet. 5:8**



# Pride Promotes Dishonor

- God will put down those who exalt themselves taking away their presumed honor. ***Mt. 23:12***
- God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ***1 Pet. 5:5***
- But if you humble yourself under God, *He will exalt you* in due time. ***1 Pet. 5:6***

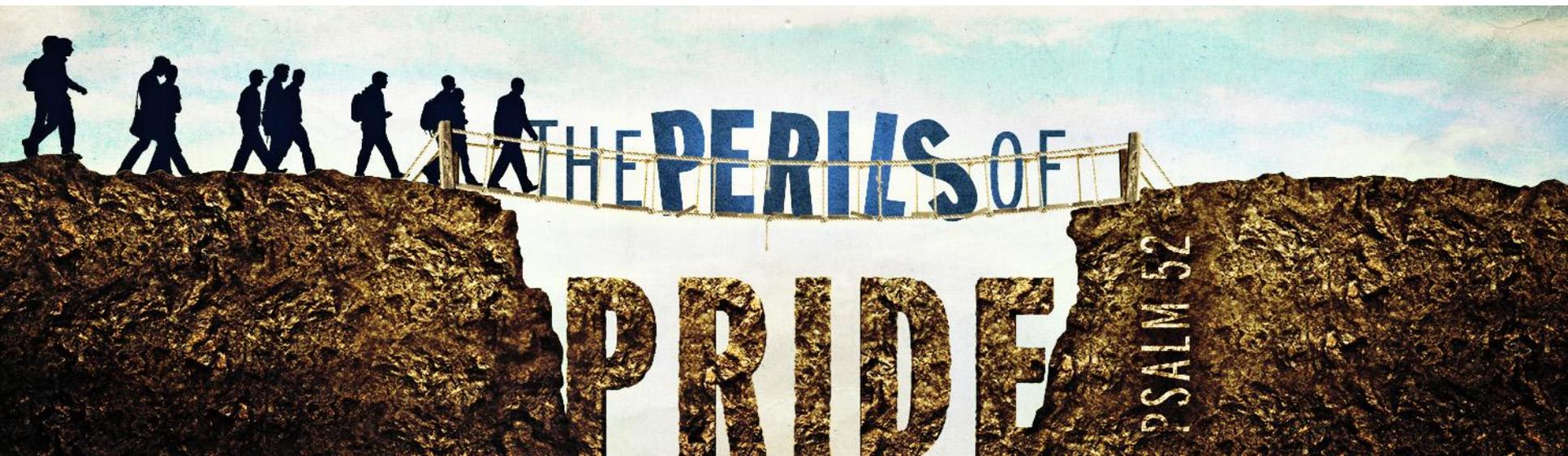


# Pride Promotes Dissension

- Only by pride cometh contention...

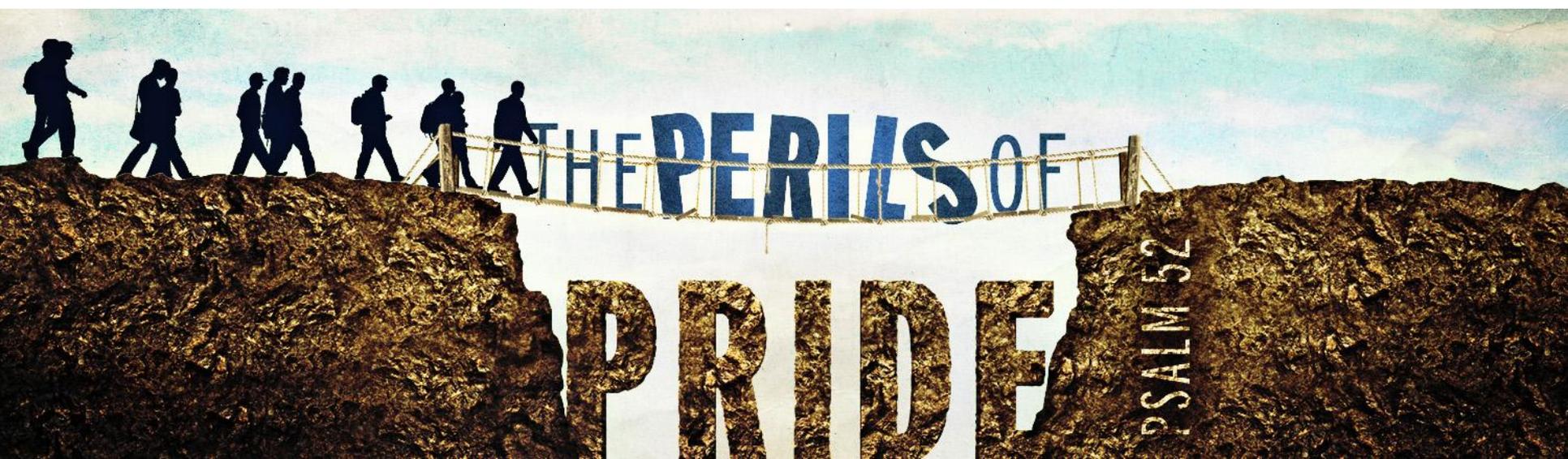
## ***Proverbs 13:10***

- At the root of every division, contention, divorce, etc., is pride! ***James 3:16***
- God **hates** a proud look (it starts trouble) and many other things! ***Proverbs 6:16-19***



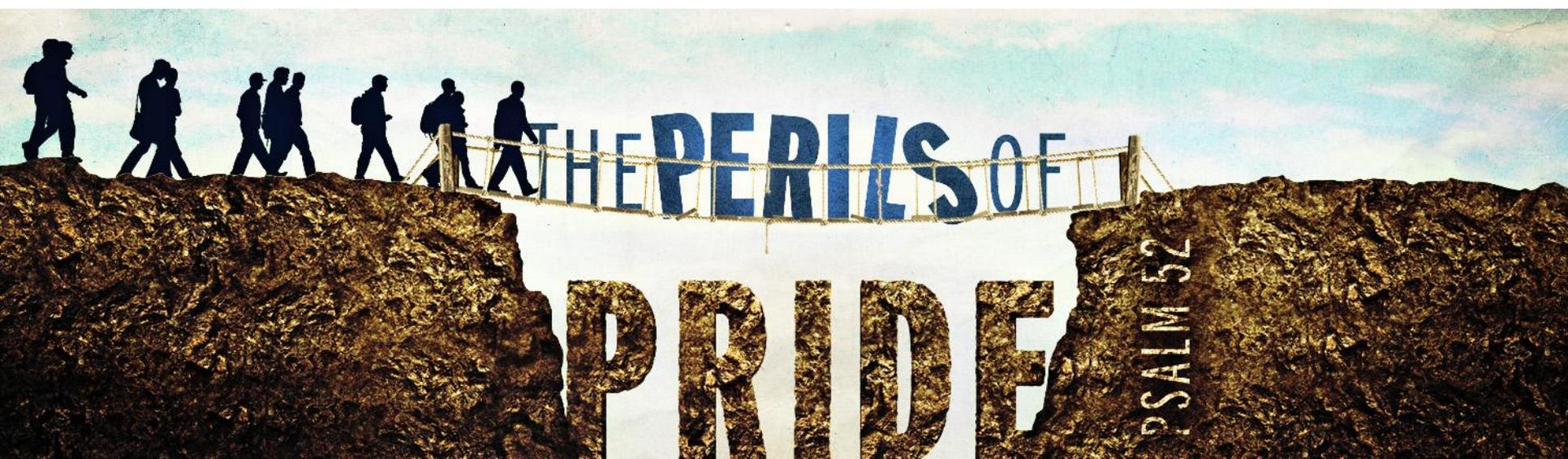
# Pride Makes Us Independent

- Causes us not to seek counsel (my way is best). **1 Cor. 8:1-2**
- We can't just trust in our own understanding. **Prov. 3:5-7; Jer. 10:23**
- False teachers and evil men are proud knowing nothing. **1 Tim. 6:4; 2 Tim. 3:7-8**



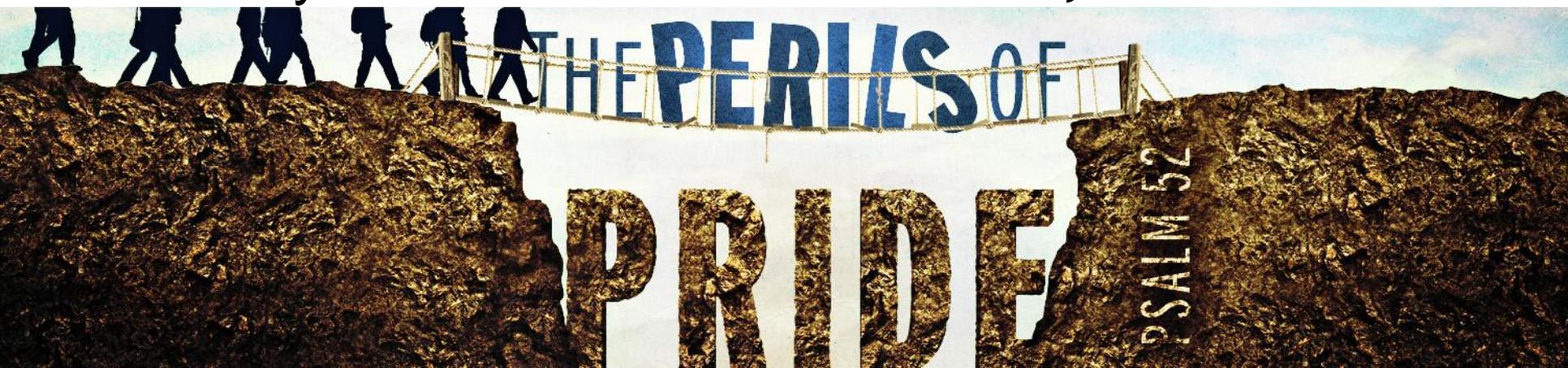
# Pride Makes Us Foolish

- Pride gives a foolish sense of wisdom.  
***Proverbs 1:7; 1 Cor. 3:18-20***
- Pride causes us to think foolishly. ***Prov. 12:15;***  
***Ps. 10:4***
  - And act foolishly... ***Ps. 10:2***
  - And speak foolishly... ***Prov. 14:3***



# Pride Condemns to Hell

- God will condemn the house of the proud!  
***Proverbs 15:25; 16:18***
  - Pride will bring God's judgment on us. ***Isa. 2:12***
- We should hate all evil, even of pride and arrogance and the perverse mouth so we may have the fear of the Lord! ***Proverbs 8:13***
  - Pride is characteristic of a reprobate mind which is worthy of death. ***Romans 1:28-32; 6:23***



# Let Us Avoid These Perils!

**Here's a quick test. Give yourself a good reality check:**

- Are you irritated when you are corrected for a mistake?
- Do you find yourself accepting praise for things over which you have no control?
- Do you tend to forget Who blessed you with talents and abilities?
- When you make a mistake, are you quick with an alibi?
- Is everything someone else's fault?
- When there is a personal conflict, are you quick to tell yourself you can get along without that person?

# Let Us Avoid These Perils!

- Are you prone to think you can go it alone?
- Is it difficult for you to take advice? Are you extremely reluctant to seek it?
- Do you have an ungrateful spirit toward what God has given you and a bitterness about what you think you deserve?
- Is your life marked by a sense of competition? Do you measure success by victories over other people?

*Do you see in yourself an independence from God and a sense of self-sufficiency?*

*It's a recipe for disaster!*