

Family Worship

Pride and Humility

7.3.2021

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Here I am to Worship

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Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 36

Q: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A: That he is *God*, co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Bible verses (John 14:16-17)

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Today we look at 2 opposite qualities : Pride and Humility.

- ❑ Pride can be good or bad.
- ❑ First, there is "good" pride, e.g.
 - When I say I am proud to be a child of God, such "pride" gives me motivation to tell others how good God is.
 - Paul also wrote to the Corinthian church - "I have spoken to you with great frankness; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged..." (2 Cor 7:4)
- ❑ However, pride is often used in the "bad" sense. What does the Bible say on such kind of pride?

Genesis 3:1-5

Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?'

The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."'

'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.'

When you eat...you will be like God



Isaiah 14:12-15

Some bible scholars understand this passage to be talking about Satan, God's enemy



How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

You said in your heart,

'I will ascend to the heavens;

I will raise my throne

above the stars of God;

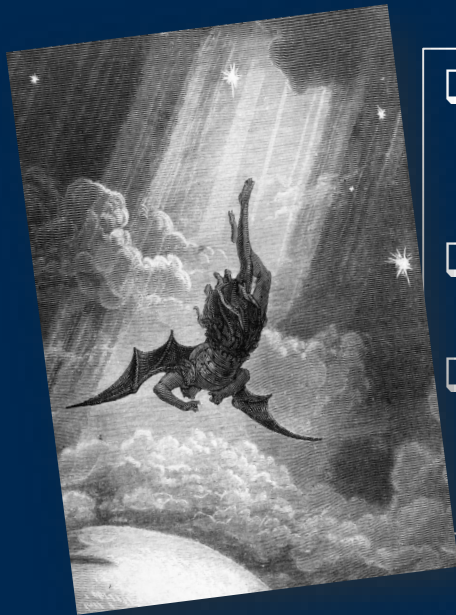
I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon.

I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.'

But you are brought down to the realm of the dead,
to the depths of the pit.

- ❑ In the first story, the snake tempted the woman, Eve, to eat from the tree which God had forbidden.
- ❑ The snake said, "Eat it...and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil" → Sinful pride attempts to be God.
- ❑ It's a lie that we could judge what is good and evil; only God can do so.



- ❑ In the second story, God's enemy said, "**I will make myself like the Most High.**"
- ❑ Do you see the similarity with what the snake said to Eve?
- ❑ Satan wanted to be like God, and rebelled against God. He tempted humans to join him in the rebellion. Sadly, he succeeded 😞

Here is another example of pride...



Science and Scientism

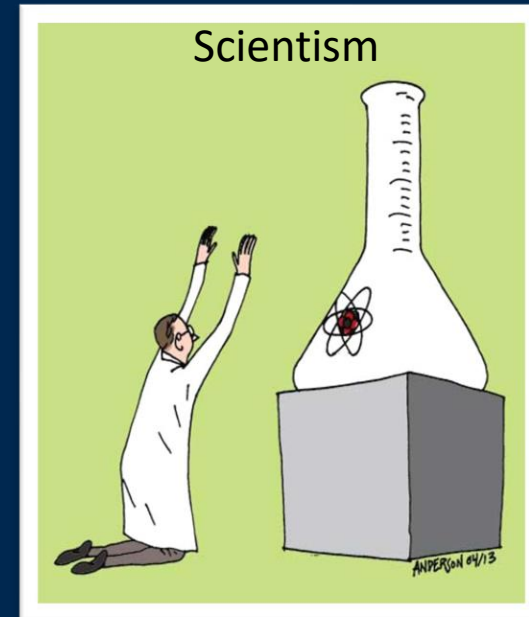
Science is an activity that seeks to explore the natural world using well-established, clearly defined methods.

Scientism is a worldview about the ultimate reality of the universe and its meaning.

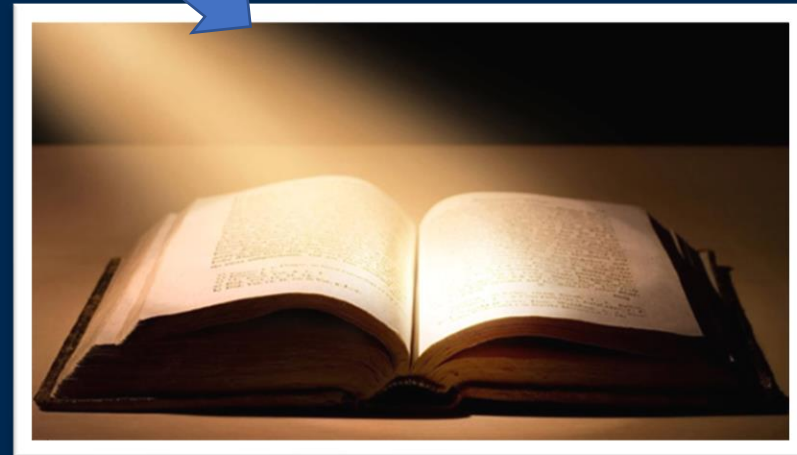
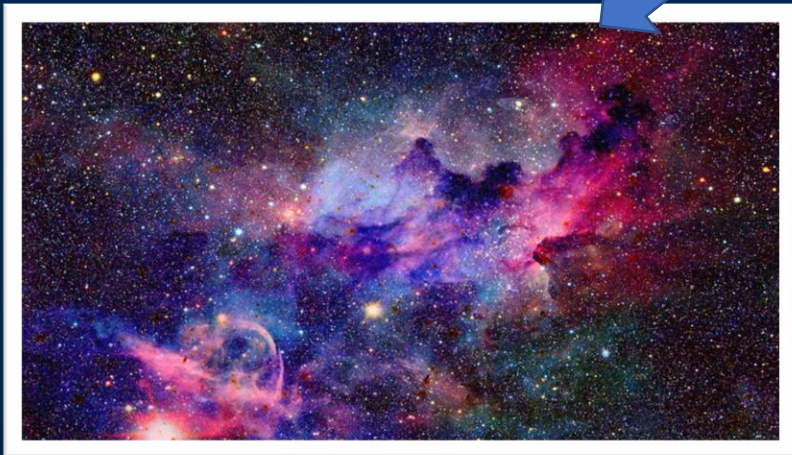
Some people confuse Science with Scientism. While Science is a system of methods to explore the natural world, Scientism sees science as the absolute and only path to the truth.

In other words, Scientism claims science = God.

This sounds pretty proud, doesn't it?



- ❑ Can one be a scientist and believe in God?
- ❑ YES !! Examples are Isaac Newton, Robert Boyle. Even today, many top scientists are believers. Though they are smart, they are not proud but humble before God.
- ❑ They believe that since God is faithful and purposeful, the natural world He created would also be consistent and purposeful. This enabled them to have confidence in applying scientific methods to explore nature.
- ❑ Robert Boyle believed God revealed his thoughts to man via the Bible as well as nature.



Robert Boyle



- ❑ Robert Boyle (1627-1691) was the first modern chemist.
- ❑ He believed God has revealed to humans in two "books" - the Bible and the Book of Nature.
- ❑ He wrote " ...the two great books, of nature and of scripture, have the same author, so the latter does not hinder at all an inquisitive man's delight in the study of the former."
- ❑ Despite being a great scientist, he humbled himself before God.
- ❑ He did some famous experiments in Oxford's High Street 350 years ago!

Now let's turn to humility.

Here is the most profound passage
on humility in the Bible...

Philippians 2:5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death -
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.




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Can you identify all the words
and phrases that describe the
humility lived out by Jesus in
these verses? (Hint: there are
many...)

How Do We Live Out Humility?

These 3 passages talk about humility. Discuss what each one means.

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)  People who are poor in spirit recognize their need for God
2. So, if you think you are standing firm, be care that you don't fall ! (1 Corinthians 10:12)  This is a warning against spiritual pride
3. At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18:1-4)  To enter God's kingdom, we must be humble like a child in knowing our helplessness and dependence on God.

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

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