

Intro

- Our society has lost their minds: fights at graduations, two cars in road rage on Rt49 because someone got offended that someone passed them up. It turned into collision to cars on fire, I was in McDonald's on Black River Blvd a few months ago and an elderly man who had ordered a breakfast sandwich and because he had to wait as few minutes too long went to the counter and demanded his money back and left in a huff. The kid who was serving on the register, bringing the food to tables, and helping in the kitchen had one arm.
- Due to COVID, inflation, politics, and social media people have an chip on their shoulder. This ought not be the case for the Christian.
- ~ I can understand this potential to blow our gaskets. The Lord always tests me in what I preach. Monday morning Carrie texted me and back door wouldn't open. Thursday I got pulled over for having a license plate protector on the truck
- To the believers on Christ the bible says = ditch the chip
- This chip on the shoulder leads to pride and pushes us away from humility
- We have a gentleman in our text that was proud but humbled himself. His name is Manasseh
- ~ 1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time

Body

Outline of Manasseh's Humbling:

- 1 evil
- 2 warning
- 3 discipline
- 4 humility
- 5 restoration
- 6 good

Outline of Amon's Pride:

- 1 pride
- 2 discipline

Pointers on Pride

- 1 The Lord disciplines pride
 - ~ The Lord resists proud
 - ~ Prov 3:34 Lord scorns scornful
 - ~ 1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6 God resists it
 - ~ The Greek word means to arrange in battle against
 - ~ An army carefully arranges there soldiers against attack to resist the enemy
 - ~ Vincent = A strong and graphic word. Lit., setteth himself in array against
 - ~ God does this to the proud
- 2 The Lord honors humility
 - ~ The Lord honors humility. see sermon notes from 7/10/22 on what God does for the Humble
 - ~ Even wicked king Ahab had his judgement turned away by the Lord when he humbled himself at Elijah's rebuke
 - ~ The Lord gives grace to the humble (Js 4:5; 1 Pet 5:5)
 - ~ 1 Pet 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time
- 3 The Lord warns us of pride in his word
 - ~ Pride goes before a fall (Prov 16:18,19) Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud. (the spoil of proud isn't honored by God)
 - ~ Pride leads to Lord's removal of blessings in a believers life
 - ~ Israel was without God's blessing while they lived in rebellion

4 Manasseh responded with humility to the Lord discipline

~ Often many people don't respond positively. Many before him didn't humble themselves. But he did

~ There's an encouragement here to pray for people who seem so far from God we never think they'll repent. Manasseh seemed far away yet humbled himself and turned to God

~ The Lord warned Manasseh and Amon has his father's example of humility and pride to follow but ignored it

5 Notice the sharp contrast of humility in Manasseh and his son Amon

~ Manasseh was restored to his kingdom while Amon was murdered in his kingdom

6 What does humility look like in this passage? (v12,13)

1 receives correction from the Lord (Elijah received it from the Lord, David received it from Nathan)

2 makes the corrections the Lord requires in his word (Elijah went and anointed Elisha)

2 seeks the Lord

3 seeks the Lord in prayer

4 walks with the Lord

5 obeys the Lord

*David, and Elijah showed up receiving correction from the Lord. Jonah did but still didn't seem happy

One of the helpful questions to ask in your bible study.....

1 Is there an example to follow? Manasseh

2 And/or avoid? Amon

3 Is there a sin to confess? Pride

4 Is there a promise to claim? The Lord honors humility

5 Is Christ in the passage? Christ in the passage is the model of humbling himself

Conclusion

- We have the example of two men. One was proud but became humble. The other proud and stayed proud. Their outcomes are extremely different.

- The Lord will bring corrections to us through his word, a person, our prayer time, listening to a sermon (happens to me), through meditating on scriptures

- When the word sharpens us - receive it and make the correction

- Don't react to it, shift blame it, rationalize it. just accept it and humble ourselves before an almighty savior who humbled himself to the death of the cross when he wasn't guilty. Jesus didn't accuse us, blame us for his placement on the cross but said father I delight to do your will.

Would'st thou be chief—then lowly serve;

Would'st thou go up—go down;

But go as low as e'er you will,

The Highest has been lower still.

—Author unknown