

Ezekiel 31:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

Analysis

The indictment: 'his heart is lifted up in his height'—pride in God-given greatness. The Hebrew 'gabah' (lifted up) indicates arrogant self-exaltation. Pride is the foundational sin (Isaiah 14:13-14, Ezekiel 28:2,17), leading to all other evils. Assyria attributed God's gifts to themselves, bringing inevitable judgment. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).

Historical Context

Assyrian inscriptions boast of military achievements and divine favor from Ashur (their god). They credited themselves and false deities, never acknowledging Yahweh's sovereignty. This theological error brought judgment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. In what areas might pride be taking root in your heart because of God-given abilities or blessings?

2. How can you cultivate humility that acknowledges God as the source of everything good in your life?

Interlinear Text

לְכִי	כֹה	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה	עַן	אֵשֶׁר	רָאָה	
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the Lord	GOD	H3282	H834		
		H559	H136	H3069				
גָּבַהֲתָ	בְּקוֹמָה	וַיִּתֵּן	צִמְחָתוֹ	אֵל				
Because thou hast lifted up	thyself in height	and he hath shot up	his top	H413				
H1361	H6967	H5414	H6788					
בֵּין	עֲבוֹתַיִם	וְנִשְׁבָּח	לִבּוֹ	בְּגִבְהוֹתָיו				
H996	among the thick boughs	is lifted up	and his heart	in his height				
	H5688	H7311	H3824	H1363				

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 28:17 (Parallel theme): Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Daniel 5:20 (Parallel theme): But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

2 Chronicles 32:25 (Parallel theme): But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.