

# 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

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.