

# Proverbs 21:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Proud and haughty scioner is his name, who dealeth in proud wrath.

## Analysis

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The 'proud and haughty scioner' is defined by arrogance—he acts with 'proud wrath.' His name (character/reputation) is 'Scioner' because mockery defines him. This person treats wisdom with contempt, righteous people with derision, and God Himself with disdain. Pride is the root sin from which other sins flow. The scioner's arrogance blinds him to truth and wisdom, ensuring his destruction. Such pride directly opposes God, who resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). The scioner represents the antithesis of the wise person—where wisdom begins with fear of the Lord, scoffing begins with prideful autonomy. Unless humbled by God's grace, the scioner faces certain judgment.

## Historical Context

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Biblical narrative repeatedly shows God humbling the proud—Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod. Conversely, the humble like Moses and Mary received divine favor.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. Where does pride manifest in your life, leading you to scorn wisdom or despise correction?
2. How can you cultivate genuine humility that receives instruction gladly?

## Interlinear Text

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Proud and haughty scorne is his name who dealeth wrath in proud  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 1:1** (Parallel theme): Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

**Proverbs 1:22** (Parallel theme): How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

**Proverbs 19:29** (Judgment): Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools.