

Satan's pride already in me takes me to hell, Christ's humility, to heaven

Pride: Is dependence on me, independence from God, it seeks only to do my own will.

Humility: Is trust and dependence on God, denial of self, that only wants to do His will.

From: **William Law's Address to the Clergy** "We need to know two things: **1.** That our salvation consists wholly in being saved from ourselves or that which we are by nature. **2.** That nothing could be this salvation to us but such a humility from God as is beyond all human capability. Hence the first unalterable truth by the Savior to us fallen people is: Lu 9:23 "**If anyone wants to follow Me let them deny themselves by taking up their cross daily...**" Mark 8:35 "**...Whoever loses their life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.**" Self is the whole evil of fallen nature; self denial is our capacity of being saved; humility is our savior. Self is the root, the branches, the tree, of all the evil of our fallen state. All the evils of fallen angels and people have their birth in the pride of self.

On the other hand, all the virtues of the heavenly life are the virtues of humility. It is humility alone that makes the impassable gulf between heaven and hell. In what then lies the great struggle for eternal life? It all lies in the battle between pride and humility: pride and humility are the two master powers, the two kingdoms in conflict for the eternal possession of man. There never was, nor ever will be, but one humility, and that is the one humility of Christ. Pride and self have the all of a person, until that person has their all from Christ. Such a one therefore only fights the good fight whose battle plan is that the self-idolizing human nature which they have from Adam may be brought to death by the supernatural humility of Christ brought to life in and ever growing in their spirit."

Ps 10:4 **In their pride the wicked does not seek God; in all their thoughts there is no room for God.** NIV

Hab 2:4 **Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked; but the righteous (the humble) live by their trust in God.** NLT

2 Cor 5:15 **He (Jesus) died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but (in humility) for Him who died for them and rose again.**

From: **Andrew Murray's "Humility"** Chapter 2 **Humility - the secret of my redemption**

The Need: When the Old Serpent who had been cast out from heaven for his pride, whose whole nature as devil was pride, spoke his words of temptation into the ear of Eve, these words carried with them the very poison of hell. And when she listened, and yielded her desire and her will to the prospect of being as God, knowing good and evil, the poison entered into her soul and blood and life, destroying forever that blessed humility and dependence upon God which would have been our everlasting happiness. And instead of this, her life and the life of the race that sprang from her became corrupted to its very root with that most terrible of all sins and all curses, the poison of Satan's own pride.

All the wretchedness of which this world has been the scene, all its wars and bloodshed among the nations, all its selfishness and suffering, all its ambitions and jealousies, all its

broken hearts and embittered lives, with all its daily unhappiness, have their origin in what this cursed, hellish pride, either our own, or that of others, has brought us. It is pride that made redemption needful; it is from our pride we need above all to be redeemed.

Phil. 2: 5-9 **Have this mind** (the Holy Spirit) **in you which was also in Christ Jesus: ...who humbled Himself; becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross...** Phil 3:10 **That I might know Him...by being conformed to His death.**

It is of inconceivable importance that we should have right thoughts of what Christ is, of what really constitutes Him the Christ, and especially of what may be counted His chief characteristic, the root and essence of all His character as our Redeemer. There can be but one answer: it is His humility. Is it any wonder that the Christian life is so often feeble and fruitless, when the very root of the Christ life is neglected, is unknown? Or that the joy of salvation is so little experienced, when that in which Christ found it and brings it, is so little sought? Until a humility which will rest in nothing less than the end and death of self is received, there is very little hope of a Christianity that will conquer the world.

The contrast between Pride and Humility – Entirely from Andrew Murray’s Book “Humility”

Humility (dependence on God)

1. The root of every Christ-like virtue
2. The gate, birth and blessing of heaven
3. Raises fallen humans to sons of God
4. Evil has no end but from humility
5. Breathes God’s life into relationships
6. Causes unity between Christians

Prov 13:10 **Only by pride does contention arise...** (quarrelling with others)

7. More of God’s grace always follows

Prov 16:18 **Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.**

8. The nature of Christ
9. How much humility = how much Christ
10. Received by believing God’s living words
11. Chief characteristic of our re-born spirit
12. Reflects the “Christ now living in me” life

Pride (dependence on me)

1. The root of every sin
2. The gate, birth and curse of hell
3. Reduces heaven’s angels to devils
4. Evil has no beginning but from pride
5. Breathes death into relationships
6. Causes strife between Christians

7. Destruction always follows

8. The nature of Satan
9. How much pride = how much Satan
10. Belief in self’s and Satan’s thoughts
11. Chief trait of our human nature
12. Reflects the “carnal” Christian life

Mat 11:29 (Jesus) **Take My yoke upon you** (let My Spirit be joined to your spirit, if, you’re willing to do God’s will) **and learn of Me** (I am God’s word, receive My words, My nature into your hearts, simply by believing them) **for I am meek and humble of heart** (My Humility becomes yours as you receive My words) **and you will find rest for your souls** (now humble and relying on God, your will is resting in His will).