

# PRIDE

**WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.**

We read in Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 23:-

“Undoubtedly Allah does know what they conceal, and what they reveal: verily He loves not the arrogant.”

From this we learn that our Rabb does not like us to have pride. There are many stories in the Holy Quraan that show the results of pride.

Iblis refused to obey Allah (S.W.T.)’s command to bow to Nabie Adam (A.S.) and so became the enemy of our Rabb and of humanity.

Fir’aun was proud and made slaves of the Bani Isra’el. He was given enough time to turn Allah (S.W.T.) but refused to change his ways. He was then drowned along with his followers.

Apart from punishment in this life, Al-Quraan also speaks of punishment in the hereafter.

Listen carefully to Sura al-Nahl (ch. 16): verse 29:-

“So enter the gates of hell, to dwell therein. Thus evil indeed is the abode of the arrogant.”

The most serious form of pride is when one rejects Allah (S.W.T.) and his unity (tauhid).

Now take a glimpse into Sura al-Saffat (ch. 37): verse 35:-

“For they, when they were told that there is no god except Allah, would puff themselves up with pride.”

Pride can also be expressed in the way we deal with others.  
It is very important to take note of the advice of Luqman to his son.

We find this in Sura Luqman (ch. 31): verse 18:-

“And swell not your cheek (for pride) at men (humans), nor walk in insolence through the earth, for Allah loves not the arrogant boaster.”

Pride can also be expressed in the way a person dresses.

Our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) warned us by saying:-

“Allah (S.W.T.) will not look at the person who draws his garments in pride.

And in another Hadith he is reported to have said :-

“Whoever has an atom’s weight of pride shall not enter paradise ”

### **Worksheet**

1) How did Iblis become the enemy of Allah (S.W.T.) and also of humanity?

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2) How should we deal with others?

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3) Which is the highest form of pride?

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4) Kindly express your own feelings when you meet a person who has pride.

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