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Ezekiel 28:1-19

The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

“In the pride of your heart you say, ‘I am a god; I sit on the throne of a god in the heart of the seas.’”

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But you are a mere mortal and not a god,
though you think you are as wise as a god.

³ Are you wiser than Daniel?

Is no secret hidden from you?

⁴ By your wisdom and understanding
you have gained wealth for yourself
and amassed gold and silver
in your treasuries.

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⁵ By your great skill in trading
you have increased your wealth,
and because of your wealth
your heart has grown proud.

⁶ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says:
“Because you think you are wise,
as wise as a god,

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⁷ I am going to bring foreigners against you,
the most ruthless of nations;
they will draw their swords against your beauty
and wisdom

and pierce your shining splendor.

⁸ They will bring you down to the pit,
and you will die a violent death
in the heart of the seas.

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⁹ Will you then say, “I am a god,”
in the presence of those who kill you?
You will be but a mortal, not a god,
in the hands of those who slay you.

¹⁰ You will die the death of the uncircumcised
at the hands of foreigners.

I have spoken, declares the Sovereign LORD.””

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ¹² “Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:

““You were the seal of perfection,
full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹³ You were in Eden,
the garden of God;
every precious stone adorned you:
 carnelian, chrysolite and emerald,
 topaz, onyx and jasper,
lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl.
Your settings and mountings were made of gold;
 on the day you were created they were
prepared.

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub,
for so I ordained you.

You were on the holy mount of God;
you walked among the fiery stones.

¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways
from the day you were created
till wickedness was found in you.

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

¹⁶ Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned.

So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹⁷ Your heart became proud
on account of your beauty,
and you corrupted your wisdom
because of your splendor.
So I threw you to the earth;
I made a spectacle of you before kings.

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Ezekiel 28:1-19

¹⁸ By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching.

¹⁹ All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.’”

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Isaiah 14:12-15

¹² How you have fallen from heaven,
morning star, son of the dawn!

You have been cast down to the earth,
you who once laid low the nations!

¹³ You said in your heart,
“I will ascend to the heavens;
I will raise my throne
above the stars of God;

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Isaiah 14:12-15

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly,
on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon

¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.”

¹⁵ But you are brought down to the realm of the
dead,
to the depths of the pit.

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Luke 10:18

He [Jesus] replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

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How Not To Serve!

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1. Pride

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. – 1 Tim. 3:6

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. – Rom. 12:3

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2. Build your own kingdom

He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

John 3:30 NKJV

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3. Start well, but finish poorly

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. –

Matt 24:12-13

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3. Start well, but finish poorly

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. – **2 Tim. 4:7**

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3. Start well, but finish poorly

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. – **Acts 20:24**

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3. Start well, but finish poorly

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, -

Heb. 12:1

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4. Dishonest trade (ripping God and other off)

Matt. 25:26-30, ²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I

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Matt. 25:26-30, returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance.

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4. Dishonest trade (ripping God and other off)

Matt. 25:26-30, Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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