

St John's Meads – Home Groups

God Judges: Pride



Review: Our Mission of God series has brought us to the time of the prophets. The prophets were seen by the people as messengers from God and were often in conflict with the priests and the king. Their role was often to speak words of judgement on the behaviour of the people of God. Ezekiel underwent enforced exile in Babylon alongside Daniel. His prophetic word was aimed not just at Israel but also at other neighbouring nations.



Discuss:

- Read Ezekiel 28-30. What do you make of it? How do you feel about the threats of death put into the mouth of God by Ezekiel? If you have the time you might find out who the "ruler of Tyre" was and what he had done to earn such harsh words.
- Throughout the Old Testament and in parts of the New we see that God has a strong objection to human pride. Read Proverbs 6:16-19 and notice that God "detests a haughty look." What is it about pride that God hates so much?
- There are things that we can be proud of legitimately. What sort of things are they and at what point does being proud of them become a problem?



Pray: For people whose pride causes harm and injustice to others. Pray that those people may have their eyes opened and their true responsibilities and obligations revealed to them. Pray for our own pride and for our collusion with others who believe themselves to be of more value than other people. Pray that we may express appropriate pride and joy in the achievements of our friends and loved ones so they may feel affirmed and encouraged. Pray that we will always recognise God at work in us and through us and that our actions will give glory to God.