

“The 5 ‘I Wills’ of Satan”

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Let us consider the five "I WILLS" of Lucifer as found in Isaiah 14:13-14:

1) **"I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN."** Lucifer wanted to mount up or scale to the heavens. He desired to *occupy* the highest heavens: to probe, and to penetrate the kingdom of the infinite God. He wanted to have a very HIGH position!

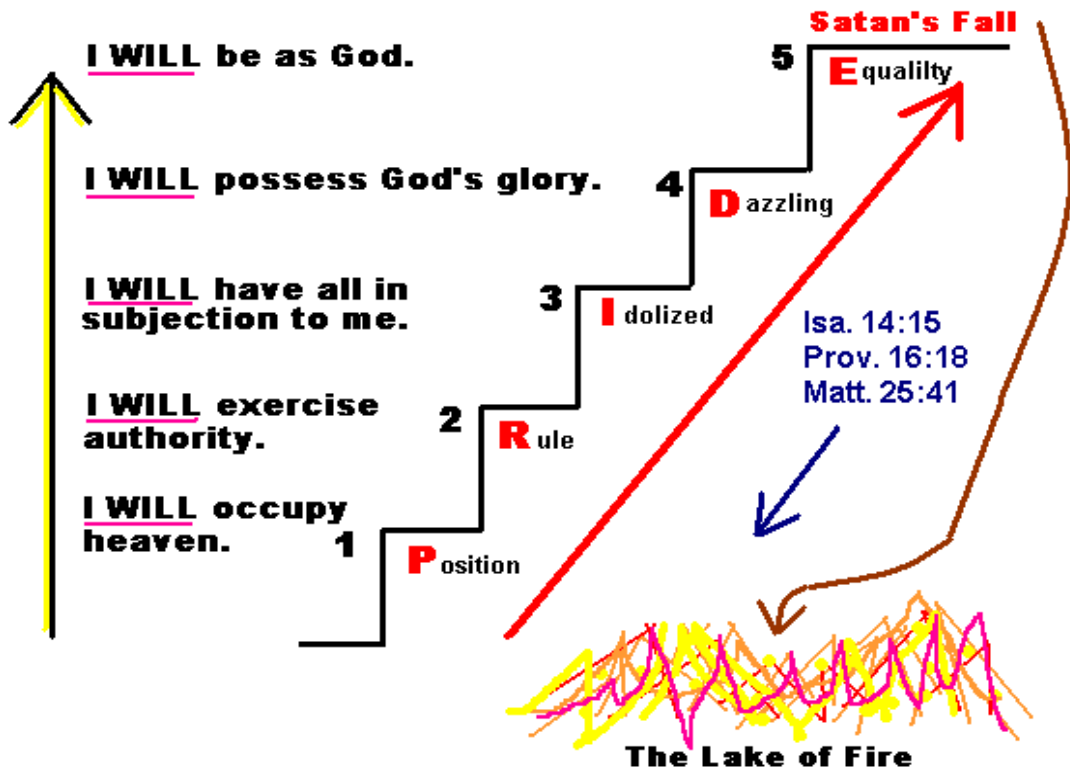
2) **"I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD."** Lucifer's position and service before God's throne was not enough. He wanted a throne from which he could exercise final authority and make decisions pertaining to the angelic host ("the stars of God"). He wanted to *rule* over all the angels. God had made him an exalted angel, but Lucifer wanted to be exalted even more. (He was not content to shine as the "morning star"; he wanted to shine as the star of stars--with a brilliance that would far outshine all the other stars (even as the sun's brightness makes all the other stars fade away so that you cannot even see them during daylight hours).

3) **"I WILL SIT ALSO UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION."** He desired to sit or be enthroned in the highest place having all the angelic assemblies in submission to him. He wanted to be the center of attention. He wanted to be IDOLIZED by all.

4) **"I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS."** "Clouds" are often used in the Bible to speak of the glory of God (see Matthew 24:30; Acts 1:9; Rev. 1:7). Lucifer coveted God's glory for his own. He failed to acknowledge that his glory and beauty all came from and was dependent upon God. In his sinful pride, Lucifer wanted a glory that would impress and *dazzle* all creatures.

5) **"I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH."** He wanted to be *EQUAL* with God and to take God's place as Possessor and Ruler of all. He wanted to become a completely *independent* creature, responsible to no one.

Pastor George F. Parsons created this helpful diagram to show Lucifer's five haughty "I WILLS":



Final Note by Rev. David J. Bauer: We are asked many times just what is the problem we encounter most often in our work with strife-torn congregations. In general I can put it into one word: **PRIDE**.

- Pride causes us to put self on the throne instead of Christ our Savior.
- Pride causes us to not own our sin, nor be broken over it and the damage it causes others in and out of the church.
- Pride keeps us from apologizing to those we have offended.
- Pride keeps us from authentic biblical repentance and restoration.
- Pride is deadly to our personal and spiritual life, and to the life of the church.
- Pride is as ancient as the fall of Satan, and is still one of his favorite tools.

“Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” –Proverbs 16:18

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” –1 Peter 5:5-8



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