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- a) He is like a roaring \_\_\_\_\_, seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ you.  
b) He is on a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by God.  
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2) Three things that can feed pride:  
\_\_\_\_\_, praises of men, and God's \_\_\_\_\_

#### Three Truths to Kill Pride:

- a) Without \_\_\_\_\_, I'm doomed to hell.  
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- a) He is like a roaring LION, seeking to DEVOUR you.  
b) He is on a LEASH, LIMITED by God.  
1) The *danger* is when we UNDERESTIMATE Satan or God  
2) Three things that can feed pride:  
SUCCESS, praises of men, and God's BLESSINGS

#### Three Truths to Kill Pride:

- a) Without JESUS, I'm doomed to hell.  
b) Apart from His GRACE, I'd have and be nothing.  
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Why does God remind Israel the reason(s) He is giving them the land? What is God trying to warn Israel against?

What do you think God means by calling Israel "a stiff-necked people"?

By remembering the truth that you are simply a "sinner, saved by grace", how are you protected from the temptation to be prideful?

**4)** What stands out from the following passage?

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