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1. Define *flattery*.

2. Read Job 17:5; Psalm 5:8–10, 12:1–5, 36:1–4, 78:34–37; Proverbs 2, 6:20–24, 20:19, 26:28, 28:23, 29:5; Romans 16:17–18; 1 Thessalonians 2:4–6 and Jude 16. What do these verses teach about flatterers?

How does flattery turn our faces from the Celestial City?

3. One of the ways the flatterer has expressed himself in recent years is through the self-esteem/self-worth movement that has taken root in Christianity. Read the article “Self-Esteem for Christians?” at www.psychoheresy-aware.org/selfestm.html. In what ways does flattery express itself in these teachings?

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Research this movement further (another good resource is *The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love, Self-Image* by Jay Adams). What problems do these teachings have? Write a paper summarizing your findings.

4. What other forms does the Flatterer take?

Have you ever given or received flattery? How can you respond the next time you're facing such a situation?

5. How do we know there is a God and that Heaven awaits those who have received the gift of eternal life?

6. How would you witness to someone who denied the existence of God? (See www.AnswersInGenesis.org/God for help.)
