

CLASSMATE'S RESPONSE: Jacqueline Swapp

3. When the Chorus said wisdom involves “reverence toward the gods,” they are implying that wise and intelligent people obey the gods’ rules. Opposingly, Creon was not wise to reject orders from the gods, which showed his lack of respect for them. Fate has brought Creon’s pride to dust since his fate resulted in himself unintentionally killing his wife and son; he no longer felt high and mighty because of this — therefore he was left with nothing. The main takeaway from this tragedy is: Being a power-hungry individual is dangerous. Creon was extremely resolute on how he chose to rule Thebes, that he disregarded the somber feelings of his own son and Antigone. His goal was to remain at the highest of status and not step down to anyone. However, Creon later realized the dangers of pushing others down to stay at the top, as the gods struck him down for his narcissism.