

## GREY HAIR – HEREDITARY NOBILITY

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Acts 13:36, KJV – *“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption.”*

Restore this generation; prepare the next.

Psalm 92:13-15, KJV – *“(13) Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. (15) They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; (15) To show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”*

Psalm 71:18 – *“Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me. Until I declare your strength to this generation, your power to every one who is to come.”*

Proverbs 16:31 – *“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living a godly life.”*

Isaiah 46:4 – *“I will be your God throughout your lifetime, until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.”*

Proverbs 17:6 – *“Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.”*

A long line of good and celebrated ancestors is the glory of their children and brings a blessing on them.

Proverbs 20:7 – *“The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.”*

Psa. 45:13-17 – *“(13) The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. (14) She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework; the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. (15) With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they enter into the king's palace. (16) Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. (17) I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations; therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.”*

Psalm 89:26-37; Psalm 132:11-12; Psalm 146:10

Crown of glory

Proverbs 20:29, NIV – *“The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor (glory) of the old.”*

Young = scarcely any young man seeks to be wise

Old men = They no longer seek strength and agility, but they seek wisdom, experience, prudent counsel.

Proverbs 25:27 – *“It is not good to eat much honey, so for men to search their own glory is not glory.” ... “Conceit and adulation causes suffering and is not glory.” (AMP)*

John 7:18 – *“He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.”*

John 8:50 – *“I am not seeking glory for myself, but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.” ... “However, I am not in search of honor for Myself. I do not seek and am not aiming for My own glory. There is one Who looks after that: He seeks My glory and He is the Judge.”*  
(AMP)

John 17:22 – *“I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.”*

- ❑ It is an honor to parents when they are old to leave children, and children's children, growing up; that tread in the steps of their values, and are likely to maintain and advance the reputation of their families.

Proverbs 22:1 – *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.”*

Psalms 128:6 – *“And may you live to see your children's children.”*

Genesis 50:23 – *“And saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir, son of Manasseh, were placed at birth on Joseph's knees.”*

- ❑ It is an honor to a man to live so long as to see his children's children, to see his house built up in them, and to see them likely to serve their generation according to the will of God. This crowns and completes their comfort in this world.
- ❑ It is an honor to children to have wise and godly parents, and to have them continued to them even after they have themselves grow up and settled in the world. Those are unnatural children who reckon their aged parents a burden to them, and think they live too long, whereas, if the children be wise and good, it is as much their honor as can be that hereby they are comforts to their parents in the unpleasant days of their old age.
- ❑ Children are a blessing from God (Psalm 127-128), thus, a family circle consisting of children and grandchildren (including great-grandchildren) is as a crown of glory surrounding the gray-haired patriarch; and again, children have glory and honour in their parents, for to have a man of an honored name, or of a blessed memory, as a father, is the most effective compliment, and as for the son, even though he is unlike his father, always important and beneficial advantage. A fact of experience is expressed, from which has proceeded the rank of inherited nobility recognized among men - one may deny his social rights, but yet he himself is and remains part of the moral order of the world.

Malachi 4:6 – *“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”*

- ❑ A shared ornament the children to the fathers, and fathers to the children. “The crown,” the ornament, help, and delight of the old, by the blessing of good “fathers” are the “glory of children” because men look kindly on the children for the sake of the fathers because through the course of the fathers the children are often promoted to honours and offices; also, because of their counsels and prayers, Epanimondas used to say that he regarded it as highest fruit of

his honours that his parents were spectators of them.

- ❑ The reward of good is sustained family relationships. A long line of children is the glory old age, a long line of ancestors the glory of their descendants.
- ❑ Paul calls his converts his “joy and crown.” (1 Thessalonians 2:19, Philippians 4:1).
- ❑ In the east a large number of children is considered a great blessing being a guarantee of stability of the family.
- ❑ A long line of good or celebrated ancestors is the glory of their descendants, and blessing on them (1 Kings 11:13, 15:4).
- ❑ Hereditary nobility, based on death from some honorable patriarch, may be a source of not unseemly pride and spur to a life worthy of such excellent ancestry.

2 Kings 3:11-12, KJV – (11) *But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD through him?” An officer of the king of Israel answered, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah.”* (12) *Jehoshaphat said, “The word of the LORD is with him.” So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.*

Proverbs 20:29 – *“The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the gray head.”*

- ❑ This shows that both young and old have their advantages, and therefore must each of them be, according to their capacities, serviceable to the public, and neither of them despise nor envy the other.
- ❑ Let not old people despise the young, for they are strong and fit for action, able to go through business and break through difficulties, which the aged and weak cannot grapple with. The glory of young men is their strength, provided they use it well (in the service of God and their county, not of their lusts), and that they be not proud of it nor trust to it
- ❑ Let not young people despise the old, for they are serious, and fit for counsel, and though they have not the strength that young men have, yet they have more wisdom and experience. Labor is for the young, honor for the aged.
- ❑ Ecclesiastes 2:18-24 – I hated all my toil at which I had labored under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man coming after me; and who knows whether he will be a wise or a foolish man? Yet he will be master over all my possessions for which I labored and used my wisdom under the sun; this, too, is worthlessness. So I came to the point where my heart despaired about all the work that I had done under the sun; for here is a man who toiled in wisdom, in knowledge and in skill, yet to a man who did not work for it must he leave his possession; this, too, is useless and a great misfortune.
- ❑ What he saw when he turned caused him to despair of all the labor which he had done, for he felt that the road he had traveled had not been worth the effort and discomfort it required. Not only might the heir be a fool, but there was the distressing possibility that the wealth for which he had labored so carefully might fall into the hands of one who, never having worked

for it, would not prize it highly and would squander it.

- ❑ Business under the sun; about the things of this world, material things, the riches, honors, and pleasures of this present time; was the business of a king. (natural things).
- ❑ He must leave them. He could not at death take them away with him, nor any share of them, nor should he return any more to them, nor would the remembrance of them do him any good. But I must leave all to the man that shall be after me. As there were many before us, who built the houses that we live in, and into whose purchases and labours we have entered, so there shall be many after us, who shall live in the houses that we build, and enjoy the fruit of our purchases and labors. Never was land lost for want of an heir. To a gracious soul this is no doubt at all, why should we dread others their turn in the enjoyments of this world, and not rather be pleased that, when we are gone, those that come after us shall fare the better for our wisdom and industry? But to a worldly mind that seeks for its own happiness I the creature, it is a great weight to think of leaving the beloved gain behind, at this uncertainty.
- ❑ A wise man or a fool? Solomon, the wisest of all man, made the worst use of his wisdom, had three hundred wives and seven hundred concubines; and yet left but one son behind him, to possess his estates and his throne, and that one was the silliest of fools!!! (Rehoboam)
- ❑ And now I find I shall leave all the fruits of my labor to a man that hath not labored therein, and consequently cannot prize what I have done. What a picture of human life where the heart is not filled with the peace and love of God! All his days are sorrows; all his labors grief, all his nights restless; for he has no portion but merely what earth can give, and that is embittered by the labor of success, and the disappointment in the using.

*Jn 17:1,f – “(1) These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come, glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee ... (4) I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work thou gavest me to do, (5) And now, O Fathers glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”*

*2 Timothy 1:5,ff – (1) When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. ... (6) Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ... (8) Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

*Genesis 12:7 – “And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land; and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.”*

*Genesis 13:15-16 – “(15) For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. (16) And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that is a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.”*

*1 Kings 1:48 – And David said, “Praise the Lord God of Israel who has let me see the heir to my throne.”*

*1 Kings 2:1-4 – (1) When David was about to die, he instructed his son Solomon, (2) I’m about to leave this world. Be strong and mature. (3) Fulfill your duty to the Lord your God. Obey his*

*directions, laws, commands, rules, and written instructions as thy are recorded in Moses Teachings. Then you'll succeed in everything you do wherever you may go. (4) You'll succeed because the Lord will keep the promise he made to me; If your descendants are faithful to me with all their hearts and lives, you will never fail to have an heir on the throne of Israel.*

*Psalm 127:3-5 – (3) Children are an inheritance from the Lord, They are a reward from him. (4) The children born to a man when he is young are like arrows in the hand of a warrior. (5) Blessed is the man who has filled his quiver with them. He will not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the city gate.*

*Psalm 128:1-6 – (1) Blessed are all who fear the Lord and live his way. (2) You will certainly eat what your own hands have provided, Blessings to you! May things go well for you! (3) Your wife will be like a fruitful vine inside your home. Your children will be like young olive trees around your table. (4) This is how the Lord will bless the person who fears him. (5) May the Lord bless you from Zion so that you may see Jerusalem prospering all the days of your life. (6) May you live to see your children's children. Let there be peace in Israel!*

*Genesis 21:12-18 – (12) And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. (13) And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. (14) And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. (15) And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. (16) And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot; for she said, let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. (17) And God heard the voice of the lad: and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. (18) Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. ... (20) And God was with the lad; and he grew ...*

*Genesis 50:23,26 - Joseph saw 3 generations and brought them upon his knees.*

*Job 42:16-17 – (16) After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons sons, even 4 generations, (17) So Job died, being old and full of days.*

*Psalm 128:3,6 – Thy wife shall be a fruitful vine, Ye shall see thy children's children's, and peace.*

*Psalm 127:3,5 – Children are a heritage of the Lord. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.*

*Psalm 89:26-37 – (26) He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. (27) Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. (28) My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. (29) His seed also will I make to endure for ever and his throne as the days of heaven. (30) If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments. (31) If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; (32) Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. (33) Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. (34) My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my*

*lips. (35) Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. (36) His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the son before me.*

*Psalm 132:11-12 – (11) The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. (12) If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*

*Psalm 146:10 – The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, KJV – “(12) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; (13) And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.”*

*Hebrews 6:12 – “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”*

*Proverbs 1:8 – “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:”*

- I've discovered holiness without prayer degenerates into legalism.
- (Joy Dawson) “Pride makes truth difficult. Humility accepts it.” The proud man will rationalize his sin away. He will have a thousand excuses to explain why he is as he is. But the humble man will simply admit his sin. He can enter into worship because he is not putting up a facade.
- David had a heart for God and eventually learned what God was looking for. God never reveals sin to bring judgment upon us. God reveals sin for one purpose: to bring us to repentance and reconciliation.
- Your concept of God will determine your faith in God and your worship of him.
- “No church can rise above its religion.”
- Most people receive their concept of God from their denomination.
- A person is generally able to have faith in God only to the degree that his denomination does.
- We have become far more concerned with comfort than character.
- The word of God gives us the human concept of God. Prayer reminds us of the deity of God.
- If we don't see God how He is, how can we show others how God really is?
- God wanted to work in me while all I had been wanting God to do was work through me.
- Wanting God to just work through us is a selfish desire for personal success and comfort. Wanting God to work in us, however, is a long hard pursuit of character development.

- True spirituality cannot be measured by the degree to which one is successful in ministry. The key to an effective ministry is not God's working through us, but his working in us.
- If God wants to work through me, I must be a man of prayer.
- When we live in the fear of the Lord, we turn from iniquity. When we live in the fear of man, we have to get caught before we quit.
- We must develop a love for God.
- Prayer is the most formidable weapon with which the Church has been endowed, yet it is the least relied upon.
- Today prayer is observed as a religious rabbit's foot.
- We like success (accomplishments) more than destiny.
- We must learn to put the great commandment before the great commission.
- Prayer of blessing!

#### **DR. BILL HAMON'S WORD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

I am beginning to establish, train and equip so Lord release that anointing with a greater flow with the signs and wonders and miracles of the Apostle. And Lord I ask you to release a new grace, a new wisdom, a new power that he has been asking for and believing for. And the Lord says son I gave you those to stand with you and stand around you. And now the Lord says begin to impart to them more by the laying on of hands and begin to encourage them with what they can do, and what they can be, and what they can fulfill, then help them fulfill it. Raise them up saith God, launch them into their destiny and get ready saith the Lord for the trips to the nations for you are going to take some trips to the nations saith the Lord that you may release that anointing and release the teaching and the grace that I have given to you saith the Lord. But then I am going to launch you again to the nations saith the Lord and you won't go by yourself but there will be teams to go with you. There will be those who will pay their own way to go, so fear not nor fret not but press on saith the Lord.

2 Samuel 11:6,12 – Uriah - Was intentionally abandoned. Many have been placed on the front lines of the battle and abandoned. They are left there with no support financially, prayer, oversight, training, co-laborers. The enemy easily picks them off because all their support has withdrawn, as in the case of Uriah.

Matthew 9:37-38 – *“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”*

- Blessing – honour – glory – power.
- Dream the dream until it becomes a vision. Shalom.