



“... rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man” – Lev.19:32

REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR In The Days Of Your Youth

SHAPING YOUR FUTURE

“Remember now your Creator, in the days of your youth, before the bad days reach you, nor the years in which you will say, ‘I have no delight.’” –Ecclesiastes 12:1

The “youth” in the above scripture does not refer to little children, but to young adults whose hearts are not yet hardened (Matthew 13:15; Isaiah 6:9-10; John 12:39-40). The point is that youth comes with foolishness which needs to be outgrown. Unguided youth can be wasted on shallow passions. Thus the need for guidance from godly elders. But when you are young you may not realize you are foolish. So the young should not be left to shape their own lives. They need loving parents and elders to train them to look to their Creator.

The above scripture was not meant to recruit children into a movement. Rather, its purpose was to point out the importance of godly training and preparing of one’s mind and character. Young folks, like young plants, need caretakers to help them develop correctly. Learning how to understand the world around us is a task best begun early. But, sadly, the Beast System prey upon the naivete of the young. And that is a shame, because it robs them of their chance to prepare for a productive life of happiness, sanity, and raising families of their own.

Without good guidance the young can ignore God and set himself up for a life of trouble. Carelessness in the early years leads to spiritual blindness and a wasted life. We are all given one time of youth, and we need to use that time observing and learning from good role models. Failure to do this during our youth can create a very difficult situation for us later in life. It can handicap us so we may never come to a reasonable knowledge of Christ. Our minds and hearts can become spiritually damaged from early neglect. This is why it is so important to remember our Creator in the days of our youth. It sets us up for a good life ahead. And it points us to the road of opportunity, purpose, and meaning

into our later years so we won’t lose our “delight” in life.

The programming we receive when we are young sets our path that can either bless us or hurt us depending upon which way we choose to go ... whether we follow godless peers, or we emulate Jesus and godly elders.

So, this scripture advises us to remember our Creator during our youth ... not just because it is the right thing to do, but because it protects us from the lure and traps of a world that consumes the foolish. To survive, young folks need guidance on how to reject the deceptions and false promises of the Beast System.

Show me a thoughtless, hard headed man and I’ll show you a man who was not alert during his youth.

THE YOUNG SHOULD LEARN FROM ELDERS, NOT FROM THEIR PEERS

15. The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame.

Proverbs 29:15

Church groups, public schools, and daycare centers contribute to the problem of wayward youth. Children and young folks spend too much time hanging out together. When kids hang around other kids they are depriving themselves of the very thing they need ... elder role models. Children who emulate their peers learn bad habits.

The young cannot gain the knowledge they need by watching their peers. That is a stagnant pond. Emulating others of your own peer group leads nowhere. Young folks need elder role models ... godly leaders and teachers with wisdom and experience. They need to feel connected with loving parents and elders who can teach them about the world around them ... and about Christ who is the Head of their world. Even young parents need elders to help show them the ropes of raising a family and of daily challenges.

Thus, Scripture tells us to honor our elders ... for our own good. Children shouldn’t be sent off to public schools

to learn the chicanery, foolishness, and behavior of other misguided children.

7. *Remember those leading you who speak to you the word of God; of whom carefully considering the outcome of their way of life, imitate their faith.*

Hebrews 13:7

12. *Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which Yahweh your God gives you.*

Exodus 20:12

2. *Honor your father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise);*

3. *That it may be well with you, and you may live long on the land.*

Ephesians 6:2-3

Again, think about the above passages. This formula is NOT for making your elders feel better. Rather, it is a promise that in a system where young folks honor and trust their elders lifespans will be longer and their lands (legacy / inheritance) will not be lost to their enemies in the Beast System. It means if they respect and value what their elders have learned through experience they will better manage their lives and not lose their chance at happiness. It is a matter of building on a good foundation and using right thinking and common sense, which things are impossible when God and elders are spurned.

16: *The anger of Yahweh has divided them; He will no more regard them: they respected not the faces of the priests, they called not upon the elders.*

Lamentations 4:16

In the above verse, Jerusalem was under siege by Babylon. Troubles had come upon them because the people were not consulting their elders (the older ones). When the wisdom of experience is ignored, each new generation is doomed to repeat all the common mistakes. Those who will not learn from history's mistakes are doomed to repeat them. When the young are made to believe they are more wise than their elders, each generation has to reinvent the wheel.

So we see in America a people who have forgotten this simple truth. Americans set aside and ignore good foundations. Americans tend to rely upon the Beast System rather than God's laws and the wisdom of seniors who have watched those laws work and could give them the benefit of their years of experience. Instead they prefer to rely on the Beast System and its advocates who are blind to the ways of God.

MOSES PLACED "ABLE ELDERS" TO LEAD ISRAEL

25. *And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people*

Exodus 18:25

Moses sought out and discovered godly leaders ... they were not voted into office by their peers. Moses found them and gave them recognition.

This is God's way. Respected elders are the ones God wants us to consult, learn from, and acquire wisdom. He does not want us looking to political pawns who are named, licensed, and regulated by the state.

Paul taught Titus (a young man) the science of being an elder.

5. *For this cause I leave you in Crete, that you might set in order the things lacking, and might establish elders according to each town, as I direct you:*

Titus 1:5

The word "elder" literally means "older." Paul continues in Titus 1 to explain the qualities of an elder. True elders are not made by campaigns or votes. Rather, they are discovered, recognized, and acknowledged by men like Paul and Titus. The Beast System can't create an elder/leader any more than it can make a man older than he actually is. Paul told Titus how to seek out men with qualities of an elder, and then recognize them publicly. You should read the entire chapter of Titus 1.

Godly elders acquire their wisdom and guidance from years of listening to God and observing their world by studying his laws. They cannot become elders overnight by receiving a government appointment and a license.

The typical American today thinks such positions come by authority from the Beast System, so he does not seek Godly guidance. He does not honor his God-approved elders ... and that leaves him only the churches, school systems, and the TV to guide him ... institutions which don't teach wisdom. Thus, the typical youth, today, grows up ignoring his elders. And godly elders today are not sought out. In fact, modern society disregards and disparages their elders. Instead, American's role models are athletes, movie stars, Wall Street gangsters, and politicians. Godly elders are considered out of date and out of touch. Wisdom is ignored.

20. *Wisdom cries without; she offers her voice in the open places:*

21. *She cries in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she utters her words, saying,*

22. *How long, you simple ones, will you love naivete? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?*

Proverbs 1:20-22

Fools think they don't need the input of elders. The young waste their years emulating celebrity and following worthless trend setters who are paid to attract and ruin young people. They know that if they can steal the mind of a youth they have him captive for the rest of his life.

When enthusiasm is mistaken for wisdom, and merchandizing is perceived as accomplishment ... and when celebrity replaces maturity and learning, that society

is broken probably beyond repair. The qualities of good elders come with time, dedication, and experience. The stages of youth should be spent learning the lessons of life – those things that truly work – to be preserved and applied. In America, righteousness and wisdom have been taken for granted ... as if wisdom comes automatically at birth and needs not to be learned. Thus America's young are taught how to fit in, not how to think.

Chasing after shallow and transient ideas, which seems to be America's current fascination, undermines the pursuit of wisdom and righteousness. It is no wonder that the values that make a happy and godly society are disappearing quickly today. It is no wonder that absolute craziness dominates American politics, religion, and school system.

Many people today are asking "What has happened to America? Have the people gone mad?"

Children are typically unaccountable. They are allowed to set their own agendas. Often, parents attempt to reinvent their own youth by immersing themselves in their child's activities (sports, activities, etc.). It is sad when parents stop being parents and try to be their children's peers.

Americans are losing sight of the things (values) that foster happiness and peace. Lotions, potions, and cosmetic surgeries that promise to restore one's youth are billion-dollar industries because Americans worship youth.

But, alas, youth fades in spite of the promises and ads promoting various "fountains of youth." Not only that, but when people place the pursuit of youth above all else, an essential group of values are being ignored and lost. Common sense, wisdom, and even eonian life are being sacrificed and traded for false promises of beauty, popularity, Facebook "friends," and a false image. Like Pinocchio who was lured to "Pleasure Island" (a secret slave camp), young Americans are being lured to worthless and destructive ideas. And like Pinocchio they are turning themselves into jackasses when they should, instead, be cultivating the things of God that provide real stability, happiness, and a good life (including eonian life).

Often, by the time a person is older and can be called upon to serve, he has already ruined himself. His spirit has been seared and hardened so he is incapable of being an elder. He is so inured in the ways of the Beast system he has neither intent nor hope to "come out of her" (Rev. 18:4).

During the young years we are filled with ego and gullibility ... a dangerous duo. Unless we are guided to develop our character, values, and faith, we will never be ready to fight the good fight or avoid the traps that are set for us by the Beast System. We can never rise above.

Also, when a youth does not have worthy elders to look up to, or when he chooses to not honor his elders, he is not likely to ever learn to honor God. In fact, he will likely never grasp what it means to honor God.

Thus, Scripture advises us to learn of God while we are still young, before we ruin ourselves with egotism. Selfishness can become so ingrained that we cannot shake it, and our eyes, ears, and spirits can become atrophied so that they are no more use to us.

This admonition was given not to satiate God. Rather, it was to save us from ourselves.

THE "ME FIRST," SELF-WORSHIPPING GENERATION

What comes from spending our youth without remembering our Creator? The answer is obvious. If a child doesn't worship God he can only worship himself. A self-worshipping young person is dangerous. He is capable of every evil because he is self-serving. Without conscience he will do anything. A healthy conscience cannot exist where God is not honored. A spoiled child becomes a spoiled adult; a psychopath without a conscience. These grow up to be politicians, CEOs, judges, policemen, bankers, church leaders, and patriots (i.e., criminals).

The US system of government and society in which we live is criminal and predatory. It is constantly and actively preying upon its own people as well as the other nations of the world. God explained to Samuel, in 1 Samuel 8, the nature of man's system (the Beast System). Young folks who never learn that man's system is a beast will inevitably grow up believing that system is OK instead of placing their faith in God. So, unless we have our heads on straight when we are young we will become victims to that system, and it will take everything of value from us. That includes our labor, our liberty, our intelligence, and our faith.

The only protection young folks have against being propagandized by the Beast System is if they have a knowledge of God and his system. We can invoke God's principles in our personal lives even though we reside in a slavery nation, and thus we can avoid many pitfalls and traps set for the ones who are unaware and unwatchful.

13. *Those transplanted into the house of Yahweh shall grow in the walled garden of our God.*

14. *They shall continue to bear fruit in old age (as a hoary-head); they shall be fat and flourishing;*

15. *To show that Yahweh is upright: my Rock, and no unrighteousness is in Him.*

Psalm 92:13-15

5. *Likewise, younger ones, be subjected to elders. But, all be clothed with humility one to another: for God opposes the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble.*

6. *Be humbled under the strong hand of God, that He may lift you up in a time:*

1 Peter 5:5-6

BLESSINGS AND CURSINGS

In Deuteronomy 28 Moses explains this. He explains it in a way that no one can misinterpret it unless they are so blinded by false prophets and politicians that their eyes are shut.

He begins by telling Israel what is required of them if they want to be blessed by God. He tells them that if they, as a nation, will look to God, listen to Him, and do what He tells them, they will be blessed with peace, abundance,

and wisdom. He says that He will open to them the treasures of his Kingdom, and they will be able to lend and have no need to borrow.

But, on the other hand, if they will not harken to Him, and will not pay attention and follow his guidance (commandments and statutes) He will curse them (withdraw his protection) so that they will be unsuccessful in everything they do. They will fall prey to diseases, hard times, and invasions of enemies who will overcome and conquer them. He says that if Israel forgets Him, He will no longer give them sound minds. They will lose their peace of mind, and live in fear. They will be oppressed, and hungry. They will have rulers over them that prey upon them, and their children will go into slavery under their rulers. He also tells them that He will cause the stranger among them to get up high over them, and they will come down very low. The stranger will lend to them, and they will not lend to him, and the stranger will be the head and they will be the tail.

He says that God would bring these curses upon Israel because Israel did not harken to the voice of God, or keep his commandments, and his statutes, which He commanded them to do. And they will serve their enemies which God would send against them.

This instruction in Deuteronomy 28 is similar to God's warnings in 1 Samuel 8 when Israel rejected Yahweh as their King and opted to have men as their kings (lawmakers) like the other nations around them.

So, now, consider what has happened here in America. The comparison could not be more clear. This describes precisely what is going on in America. Our enemies rule over us. Americans have given their sustenance, their children, and their freedom over to their enemies. Our enemies who rule over us, and who are destroying us, are the corporate institutions of government that rule the American nation and the states. It is THE BEAST SYSTEM, and we as a people have worshipped that system and given everything we have to it.

Why did we, as a people, not know better than to let this happen? Because we were ignorant of those basic values that we were supposed to learn when we are young ... IF we had listened to Him. Now, we as a people vote for our own destruction. We opt for it because when we were in our youth we didn't learn about, and didn't remember, our Creator! And by the time we became old enough to know better, we had already poisoned our minds and our hearts by indulging the spiritual drugs of the Beast System.

Children and young adults are not wise. I'm sorry, but that is the nature of youth. I'm not trying to be insulting. That is just the way it is. That is why children need parental guidance, and young folks need to look to elders to learn wisdom. That is the way God designed family and community. If we ignore this simple truth we only fool ourselves.

Knowing how to "harken to God" is a learned skill. Children and young adults need help to learn this. The Beast System knows that the young are easy prey. That is why the system gives us "Sunday Schools," day care centers, public schools, and kiddies' TV shows ... to rob young folks of their minds while they are young and

vulnerable. That is why government schools systems and colleges push sports instead of academics. That is why the young folks are encouraged to think they are superior to their parents. They are not taught humility and respect. They are not taught good manners. They are not taught to be thankful, and that they have a duty to God and their brethren. So they grow up selfish, spoiled and blind.

God and wisdom are, by law, kept out of America's schools and institutions. Rather, they esteem entertainment and celebrity (the venues to which young folks are easily attracted), and these promote immorality, debauchery, and degrading practices. With these role models, young Americans learn to love things that hurt them and destroy their futures. Illicit sex, profanity, gluttony, rudeness, hatred of parents and elders, reliance on government systems (i.e., belief in government, police, peers, and Selfism [Hedonism]) soaks into the heads of the young. They grow up hating God and loving idolatry ... and they don't even realize they are doing it.

This plague is upon the land because young folks are being captured and spiritually debauched before they are old enough to defend themselves. In most cases parents even encourage it ... which is doubly sad. But the Beast System knows that it is easier to enslave them while they are young and foolish.

Young folks today grow up believing that gender orientation is a matter of their own choice no matter how they were born. They are taught to accept the idea of "gender neutrality," and that bathrooms don't need to be designated "boys" and "girls." How crazy is that?

By the time young folks get out of public schools their minds have been so scrambled and perverted they believe that abortion is acceptable, and that war and killing of innocent families in other countries is just natural and normal. They will have been taught that it is normal, and even admirable, to cheat and take advantage of each other.

Young folks oriented this way will probably never overcome their programming. They will live their entire lives imprisoned by their views of these wrong and destructive models. They'll think they are normal. They will never come to know Christ. Plus, who is teaching young folks how to think about God? It is the churches! And this alone insures that they will never come to know Him.

A WARNING

1. *Then He said to the disciples, It is impossible for offences not to come: but woe to him through whom they come!*
2. *It is better for him that a millstone is hanged about his neck, and he is cast into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.*
7. *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.*

Luke 17: 1-2

Galatians 6:7

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