

The Hoary Head

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A hoary head is a crown of glory when accompanied by a holy heart and a life of righteousness.

Scripture: Psalm 92:12, Proverbs 16:31

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that a gray head symbolizes glory only when it is paired with a righteous heart. He contrasts the beauty of a young person living uprightly with the honor of an elderly person who walks in righteousness. Brooks warns that an old age devoid of holiness is a curse rather than a blessing, leading to scorn and contempt. The true honor lies in the combination of age and sanctity, reflecting God's favor and wisdom.

Transcript

"The hoary head is a crown of glory--if it is found in the way of righteousness." Proverbs 16:31

A white head, accompanied with a holy heart, makes a man truly honorable.

There are two glorious sights in the world: the one is, a young man walking in his uprightness; and the other is, an old man walking in ways of righteousness.

A hoary head, when coupled with an unsanctified heart, is rather a curse than a blessing. When the head is as white as snow, and the soul as black as hell, God usually gives up such to the greatest scorn and contempt.

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