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## BEAUTY & STRENGTH DEPARTED!

**TEXT: Song of Solomon 7:5** Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.

### *Galleries:*

"...a covered part of a building, commonly in the wings...for walking...[or] an ornamental walk or apartment in gardens, formed by trees."

(*Web.*, 1828)

**1 Corinthians 11:15** But if a woman have **long hair, it is a glory to her:** for her hair is given her for a covering.

**Proverbs 20:29** The **glory** of young men **is their strength...**

**Psalms 96:6...strength and beauty** are in his sanctuary.

**1 John 2:14** I have written unto you, fathers, because **ye have known** him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, **young men, because ye are strong**, and the word of God abideth in you, and **ye have overcome** the wicked one.

"The glory of young men is their strength, provided they use it well...and that they be not proud of it nor trust to it."

(Matthew Henry)

"Let not young people despise the old, for they are grave, and fit for counsel, and, though they have not the strength that young men have, yet they have more wisdom and experience."

(Matthew Henry)

**Psalms 68:12** Kings of armies did flee apace: and **she that tarried at home** divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien **among the pots**, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

-The word *Wife*, means, "the one who sews."

-The word *Bride*, means the one who *brews* in the kitchen; or the one who cooks.

**Psalms 4:2** O ye sons of men, how long will ye **turn my glory into shame?**...

**Psalms 106:20** Thus **they changed their glory** into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

"*Bobbing Spreads to All Ages of Women...* Women...are heedlessly casting from them their crowning glory...I couldn't tell the women from the men..."  
(*New York Times*, May 11, 1924)

**Proverbs 17:6**...the glory of children are their fathers.

-85% of girls, and 73% of boys, do not even get 1 hour of daily exercise!

"*Men becoming weaker, less ambitious...*The United States may become a matriarchy...This is the era of the vanishing male...We have the 'mother-government' taking over..." (*The Gazette*, March 24, 1966)

"[Modern, public] school is too much a woman's world, governed by women's rules and standards."

(Patricia Sexton, *Feminized Male: Classrooms, White Collars, & the Decline of Manliness*, 1969)

"*Depressed, repressed, objectified: are men the new women?*...Sales of male beauty products have leapt 30 per cent over the past decade...'Male models look chicken-chested, hollow-cheeked and undernourished' noted the New York Times...Every week, it seems as if there are new surveys and studies tripping over themselves to paint the grimmest possible picture of modern masculinity..."  
(*The Guardian*, Aug. 3, 2008)

"*Children growing weaker as computers replace outdoor activity* - Modern life is 'producing a generation of weaklings', claims research as physical strength declines in 10-year-olds...Children are becoming weaker, less muscular and unable to do physical tasks that previous generations found simple...10-year-olds can do fewer sit-ups and are less able to hang from wall bars in a gym. Arm strength has declined in that age group, as has their ability to grip an object firmly...The number of sit-ups 10-year-olds can do declined by 27.1% between 1998 and 2008...Previous research has already shown that children are becoming more unfit...pound for pound they're weaker and probably carrying more fat...Climbing trees and ropes used to be standard practice for children, but school authorities and 'health and safety' have contrived to knock the sap out of our children... [published in the child health journal *Acta Paediatrica*]..."  
(*The Guardian*, May 21, 2011)

"*Too Much TV Linked with Thicker, Weaker Kids...*The more TV kids watch in early life...the weaker their muscle strength...previous studies have found that children who watch more television are more likely to eat junk food...if you have good muscle fitness, you'll also have better cardiovascular fitness and be less susceptible to injuries..."  
(*Time Magazine*, July 16, 2012)

"Men's bones and muscles are weakening..."

(Geelong.starcommunity.com.au, Dec. 17, 2013)

"Neuroscience has proved that porn is literally making men's brains more childish. Seriously." (*Lifesite News*, Jan. 14, 2015)

**Ecclesiastes 7:17** Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: **why shouldst thou die before thy time?**

**Exodus 15:26** And said, If **thou wilt diligently hearken** to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, **I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians:** for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

**Psalms 103:2** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that **thy youth is renewed** like the eagle's.

**Joshua 14:10** And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day **fourscore and five years old.**

11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: **as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.**

**Psalms 90:1 A Prayer of Moses the man of God.** Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

7 For **we are consumed by thine anger**, and by thy wrath are we troubled.

9 For all our days are passed away **in thy wrath:** we spend our years as a tale that is told.

10 The **days of our years are threescore years and ten;** and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is **thy wrath.**

**Numbers 14:29** Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

"It may at first seem surprising that Moses should describe the days of man as 'Threescore years and ten.' But when it is remembered, that, in the second year of the pilgrimage in the wilderness, as related in Nu 14:28-39, God declared that **all those who had been recently numbered at Sinai should die in the wilderness, before the expiration of forty years**, the lamentation of Moses on the brevity of human life becomes very intelligible and appropriate..." (Christopher Wordsworth)

"...some are of the opinion that these words do not give an account of the duration of

man's life in general, but refer to the short lives of the Israelites in the wilderness..."  
(John Edwards)

**2 Chronicles 24:15** But Jehoiada waxed old, and **was full of days** when he died; **an hundred and thirty years old** was he when he died.

"...he [David] had been exhausted with various fatigues, and especially family afflictions, so that **he was much older in constitution than in years.**"  
(*Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*)

"He was chastised for his recent sins, and felt the effects of his former toils and hardships." (Matthew Henry)

**Lamentations 1:6** And from **the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed**: her **princes** are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone **without strength** before the pursuer.

**Jeremiah 51:30** The mighty men of Babylon have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: **their might hath failed; they became as women...**

**Isaiah 19:16** In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear...

**Leviticus 26:36**...and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

**Proverbs 28:1** The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

**1 Chronicles 16:28** Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD **glory and strength.**

**Psalms 29:1** Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, **give unto the LORD glory and strength.**

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