

Lev. 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

Prov. 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head.

THE PRAYER OF A SENIOR SAINT

I. The Challenges of the Psalmist

II. The Prayer of the Psalmist

III. The Purpose of the Psalmist

Ps. 71:9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

2Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Ps. 71:4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. ... **10** For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, **11** Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

Psalm 71:9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. **10** For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, **11** Saying, God hath forsaken him: Persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him. **12** O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help. **13** Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt. **14** But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

Psalm 71: 1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust:
Let me never be put to confusion. **2** Deliver me
in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape:
Incline thine ear unto me, and save me. **3** Be
thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may
continually resort: Thou hast given
commandment to save me; for thou art my rock
and my fortress.

Psalm 71:5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: Thou art my trust from my youth. **6** By thee have I been holden up from the womb: Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: My praise shall be continually of thee.

Psalm 71:17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. **18** Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. **19** Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee! **20** Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, Shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. **21** Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side. **22** I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. **23** My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed. **24** My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: For they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.