

Essay from the bald pastor

#142 - Eminem's Apology -

To everyone's surprise, Eminem apologized to his mother! You may wonder what on earth happened. With a total of more than 100 million albums sold, he is the most successful rapper of all time despite being Caucasian. And everyone in the US knows his troublesome relationship with his mother. In his music, he calls her "a bitch" and "a drug addict" and even remarked she should "burn in hell." He was born into a typical poor family, in which his father left when he was little and his mother turned to alcohol and neglected him. Eventually, his mother got addicted to drugs, and they were forced to move around the nation in a trailer home. Every time he switched school, he got bullied. And he has tried to kill himself because of that. In middle school, he repeated a same grade three times. In short, his childhood was miserable.

That led him to express his bitter memories and feelings through his songs ever since he had his break in the 90's. Fed up with his name calling, his mother, Debbie, sued him for libel and their relationship turned helplessly ugly. However, he released the video of his new song "Headlights" on Mother's Day this year, in which he expressed his apology to his long-estranged mother and swore to never sing a song that will disrespect her. The lyrics even goes, "I don't hate you cause ma. You're still beautiful to me cause you're my mom."

Believe it or not, this teenage icon turned 41 this year. Am I alone to think that it is his age that made him apologize? Among many characters in the Bible, a man named Job is known for being exceptionally good-natured. He expresses his weak mind by saying the following to God:

For you write down bitter things against me and make me inherit the sins of my youth.

Job 13:26

Even someone like him whom everyone considers a good man drops his head and acts humbly before God when looking back on a number of stupid deeds in his youth. And because he knows that those sins have been forgiven by God, he was able to grow into a respectable person who acts modestly to anyone, forgives other people's sins, and practices charity and good deeds. Time is one of the wonderful gifts from God to mankind. As we age over time, we'll gradually acquire strength and hospitality we are meant to have. I take my hat off to God's wisdom.

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