

**Are Some Ministries Orphan or Bastard?
Dr. Mark Hanby thinks so.**

Mark Hanby and those in relationship with him are not the only ones that teach this heresy. This teaching seems to reappear in different forms every couple of decades only to be discredited by its bad fruit. It was called the Shepherding Teaching in the 1070's. Today, it is about spiritual fathers and/or apostles rather than shepherds. It is a false gospel that makes spiritual sons acceptable to God through a proper relationship with a spiritual father. (I do believe that the Bible actually says that Christ has already made us completely and perfectly acceptable to God through the work of His cross.)

I do believe in spiritual fathers and sons. In fact, I have good relationships in both directions. However, this *father-to son* teaching is not biblical, extreme, and is doing damage to the Body of Christ. In fact, since I published ***Apostolic Fathers and Spiritual Bastards*** I have received numerous emails from numerous abused individuals. My book has helped them discover what the Bible actually says and come out of bondage to fear.

It was not my purpose to make Mark Hanby or the book written by one of his ex-spiritual sons, Craig Ervin, a public discussion. I avoided quoting from them in the original book since I did not want discussion to be personal but rather doctrinal. However since someone else has begun to defend the writings of these men and state that I have misunderstood their writings, let me quote from Mark Hanby's ***You have not many Fathers***. I just picked out a few verses. Get Hanby's book and read for yourselves and read my book as well. The truth should be clear by comparison.

Hanby uses the terms *orphan* and *Bastard* to describe other ministries. (We believe that God is Father to all who come to Jesus and therefore calling them either orphans or bastards is not only inappropriate but undermines faith in Christ as Savior and Lord.)

"However, I was faced with hurting men and women in the gospel work had been rejected by me, thus leaving them either orphans or, even worse, bastards." Introduction, p. xxvii

Hanby states that this is the *only* way that God works. (The Paul-Timothy model is not the only way that God works. The majority of heroes of the faith had nothing that resembled this model.)

"Everything in God is from father to son. Any departure from God's order is a departure from God." Pg. 20

"The establishment of the kingdom of man was based on the rejection of the order of father and sons. This was a rejection of God Himself". Pg. 23

"The order of father and son is not simply one theme among many in Scripture; it is the foundational principle for all spiritual understanding in the Kingdom". Pg. 26

"Without the spiritual relationship of father to son, there can never be the passing of double portions or a true basis of spiritual authority and identity." Pg. 27

"The order of father and son is the basis of all ministry in both the Old and New Testaments." Pg. 27

"It is in the order of father to son that spiritual impartation occurs." Pg. 28

"God based all spiritual inheritance upon the order of father to son in ministry." Pg. 28

"Receiving our inheritance depends upon the flow of impartation and blessing from generation to generation in the family of God". Pg. 38

"The present loss of power and the current dilution of the apostolic anointing is due to the destruction and negligence of the generation flow." Pg. 43

"The only way we ever receive an inheritance in God is through the connection of the father and son." Pg. 43

"Spiritual judgment is always released against those who violate spiritual inheritance.", Pg. 46

"Our relationship with God is a reflection of the order of father to son." Pg. 70

"Although God has given us all things in Christ, the Church has not received the fullness of that inheritance because her ministry is not manifested in father-and-sons relationships." Pg. 70

"The order of father and son is so intrinsic to the very nature of the Kingdom of God that to allow any other type of relational model in the Church is to cease reflecting the very Kingdom of our proclamation." Pg. 78

Hanby calls other ministries illegitimate and orphan. Again this undermines faith in what Christ has done for us. It states that a human relationship is

necessary to completely make us adequate for God's purpose or usefulness.

"The curse of an illegitimate ministry..." Pg. 85

"Too many men and women of God have been born into the Kingdom without any spiritual father and live as orphans." Pg. 94

"Legitimate ministry is based upon the witness of the fathers and the identification of the sons." Pg. 110

"...illegitimate ministry giving birth to illegitimate ministry. Some fatherless ministries..." Pg. 110

"A refusal to stay joined in a God-ordained relationship will amputate you from Kingdom purpose." Pg. 114

"How we receive gifting for ministry is to be properly and properly positioned beneath the ministry of a spiritual father. Not only do we also receive a spiritual gift in this manner, but we also receive the anointing on a constant basis if we stay in our position." Pg. 166

"If we lift ourselves and our personal gifting above the purpose, position, or person that God has placed over us, we remove ourselves from the flow." Pg. 166

"The Church is out of alignment for receiving the flow of His fullness because it does not follow the order of father to son." Pg. 168

"Rather this book is written because the order of father to son is the way of God for every member to receive the anointing." Pg. 169

"The flow of all power in the Kingdom of God is through relationships with one another." Pg. 174

"The only proper channel for the river of anointing from Christ to the Church is from father to son." Pg. 175

"These ministries are not only orphaned and fatherless, but they are often illegitimate, abused, and neglected as well." Pg. 199

Sons Must Tithe to a Spiritual Father. In this heresy giving a tithe to a spiritual father is the way that you enter into relationship with him. Very

different than the command of Christ to His apostles to “freely you have received, freely give.”

"Notice that riches and honor go hand in hand." Pg. 205

"The understanding of giving honor as the giving of financial support..." Pg. 205

"Outside of father-son relationships, any fruit taken from another man's tree is stolen honor. Such *borrowers* have not followed the scriptural precept to give *honor to whom honor is due.*" Pg. 209

"Is it possible that much of the problem that we are having with our church finances can be traced to not offering a tithe of the tithe to the father of a ministry?" Pg. 212

"We must make the inheritance that was given from the father to the sons into an inheritance given back, at some point, as honor to the fathers." Pg. 215

Blessings to all!

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