

# Isaiah 22:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

## Analysis

**They shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house** (וְתָלוּ עָלָיו כָּל כְּבוֹד בֵּית־אָבִיו)—The imagery shifts from the secure peg (v. 23) to an overburdened one. Eliakim, installed as a yated (peg/nail) in a sure place, would bear the weight of his entire family's expectations and dependencies. The Hebrew kavod (glory/weight) contains wordplay: glory brings burden. **The offspring and the issue** refers to descendants seeking positions through nepotism.

**All vessels of small quantity, from cups to flagons**—The metaphor extends: just as household vessels hang on pegs, so relatives would 'hang' on Eliakim for patronage. This prophesies the inevitable corruption of even faithful servants when family obligations compromise integrity. The progression from small cups (agganot) to large flagons (nevelim) suggests escalating demands. What begins with minor favors ends with major exploitation—a timeless warning about power's corrupting influence, even on the godly.

## Historical Context

Eliakim replaced Shebna as steward under King Hezekiah (c. 701 BC). Ancient Near Eastern court officials faced intense pressure from extended families seeking

advancement. The 'father's house' system meant one person's promotion benefited entire clans, creating conflicts between public duty and family loyalty.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does family or relational pressure tempt you to compromise your integrity in positions of responsibility?
2. What safeguards can leaders establish to prevent nepotism from undermining their effectiveness?
3. In what ways does this verse warn against placing too much hope in human leaders, even godly ones?

## Interlinear Text

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וְתִלּוּ	עַל יוֹ	כָּל לֹ	כָּבֹד וְ	בֵּית	אָב יוֹ
And they shall hang	H5921	H3605	upon him all the glory	house	of his father's
H8518			H3519	H1004	H1
הַצִּאֲצָאִים	וְהַצִּפּוֹעַ וְ	כָּל לֹ	כָּל יֹ	הַקְטָן	כָּל יֹ
the offspring	and the issue	H3605	all vessels	of small	all vessels
H6631	H6849		H3627	H6996	H3627
וְעַד	כָּל יֹ	כָּל יֹ	הַנְּבָלִים:		
H5704	H3605		all vessels	of flagons	
			H3627	H5035	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 28:18** (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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