

Broken Heart, Contrite Spirit

'The LORD is near to those who
have a broken heart, And saves
such as have a contrite spirit'
– Psalm 34:18

I. Barriers To A Broken Heart

Barriers

1. Proud. Dn.5
2. Self-righteous. Lk.18:9-12
3. Stubborn. Ro.2:4-5
 - ✓ Indulgent, indifferent God
 - ✓ Impenitent sinner

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4. Satisfied. Ja.4:9
5. Insincere. Ja.5:16
6. Indifferent. Rv.3:16-17

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II. Characteristics of Contrition

1. Humility, Is.57:15

Ac.2:37

2. Trembling, Is.66:1-2

Not as Ja.2:19

Ezr.9:4

3. Oppressed (broken) by sin,

Ps.51:17

Most are 'unbroken'

1. Sin breaks hearts, Ps.51:17

2 Sm. 12, 13 / 18

2. Sin binds habits, 2 Pt.2:14

3. Sin banishes hopes, Ro.7:24

- Consequences: separation, Is.59:1-2
- Cost: cross, Is.53:10
- Cure: 2 Co.7:8-10

Worldly sorrow:
Sin hurt me

Godly sorrow:
I hurt God

Broken spirit . . . Contrite heart
characteristics of true repentance

Judas (remorse) . . . Peter, Lk.22:62

- Consequences: separation, Is.59:1-2
- Cost: cross, Is.53:10
- Cure: 2 Co.7:8-10
- Comfort from sin: Ps.34:18; Mt.12:20

A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench,
Till He sends forth justice to victory

Mt.12:20, broken / bruised reed

- Bruised / broken reed is bowed
- Jesus did not trample on weak to gain His ends
- He cares for those bowed down in sin, Mt.9:36; 11:28
- Final triumph belongs to Him and His gospel

Isa.61:1 – bandage brokenhearted

Lk.4:18 – oppressed (break...)

Lk.18:13-14, good man lost,
bad man saved?

The good man looked . . .

1. Over the area; got close to Temple
2. Around; stood with 'holy' people
3. Down on pitiful sinner from afar
4. Inside and rejoiced in what he saw
5. Outside himself and cried for attention, praise

Lk.18:13-14, good man lost,
bad man saved?

The bad man looked . . .

1. Over the area; away from Temple
2. Around; away from 'holy' people
3. Down because of shame (Ezr.9:6)
4. Inside, repulsed by what he saw
5. Outside himself and cried to God for mercy. NO excuses; no blame...

Effects of broken heart

- God: impossible to serve Him too much; no task too lowly. 1 Jn.4:19
- Sinners: Ex.32; Lk.19
- Brothers: Mt.18