

Pleasing God

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise. 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 51

- adj. 1. Forcibly separated into two or more pieces; fractured: a broken arm; broken glass.
- **2.** Sundered by divorce, separation, or desertion of a parent or parents: children from broken homes; a broken marriage.
- 3. Having been violated: a broken promise.
- 4.a. Incomplete: a broken set of books.
 - **b.** Being in a state of disarray; disordered: *troops fleeing in broken*ranks

 http://www.thefreedictionary.com

- **5.**a. Intermittently stopping and starting; discontinuous: a broken cable transmission.
- **b**. Varying abruptly, as in pitch: broken sobs.
- c. Spoken with gaps and errors: broken English.
- 6. Topographically rough; uneven: broken terrain.
- 7.a. Subdued totally; humbled: a broken spirit.
- **b**. Weakened and infirm: broken health.
- **8**. Crushed by grief: *died of a broken heart.*
- 9. Financially ruined; bankrupt.
- 10. Not functioning; out of order: a broken washing machine. http://www.thefreedictionary.com

Healing for the broken-hearted

Psalm 34:18

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.

Psalm 147:3

He heals the **broken-hearted** and binds up their wounds.

The best heart-surgeon

18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD....

Luke 4

The rabbi, the leper and the prostitute

³ And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. 4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

Mark 14

The rabbi, the leper and the prostitute

⁶But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. ⁷For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. 8She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.

Mark 14

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power

than ever.

Vance Havner

Designer Wear

⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

See also James 4

1 Peter 5:5

Heaven reaching down

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Isaiah 57:7

Safe in His Hands

¹ "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

Isaiah 42

The Great Exchange

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

1 Corinthians 11