

What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?

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If you are a Christian, then you **KNOW** you have "... passed from death unto life..." (John 5:24), not by speaking in tongues, or being "slain in the spirit," nor baptism in water, but "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (1 John 5:1).



Religion is **FILLED** with outward shows of humility, sincerity, and "Christianity," but God "...looketh on the HEART" (1 Samuel 16:7). You may

look sincere in man's eyes, but you can't fool God.



"Sincerity" in God's eyes is a "contrite" heart and spirit. The word **contrite** means feeling deep sorrow or remorse for having sinned or done wrong.

All parents would wish for their children to apologize on their own for wrong-doing; and to do it with sincerity. That would only happen if their child is inwardly con-

vinced that they alone are in the wrong, and feel remorse, or guilt because of it.

But in reality, parents usually have to remind their child to apologize, and the child will then reluctantly respond because of pride. Humility and guilt do not come naturally.

God said, "A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit" (Proverbs 29:23). The day you and I realize, and believe the Word of God that "...we are ALL as an unclean thing, and ALL our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6), and "All we like sheep have gone astray; WE have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him (JESUS) the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6), we will **willingly** repent to God with **godly sorrow**.

"For GODLY SORROW worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world

worketh death" (2 Cor. 7:10).

So, did you have deep sorrow and remorse when you heard the Word of God? Be truthful, because it is impossible to enter the kingdom of God **UNLESS** you **KNOW** you need salvation.

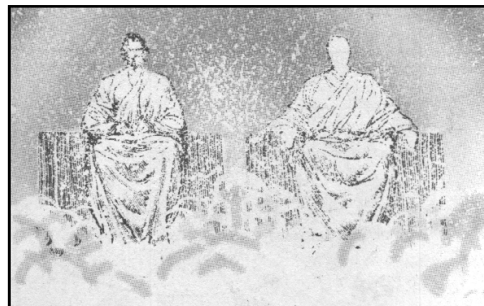
When the publican prayed to God, he stood afar off, he couldn't so much as lift his eyes before God, but smote upon his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

Every sinner that has ever sincerely repented to God has come to Him in this fashion: with humility, and feeling of deep sorrow for their wrong, and asking God for forgiveness.

God is near them that are "...of a broken heart; and [He] saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Instead of sacrifices, God is looking for "...a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart..." (Psalm 51:17).

So, what becomes of the broken hearted? They shall **see God**. But "the wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4).



We use the OLD King James Version:

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:"