

PSALMS OF THE BROKENHEARTED

Psalm 51 with Psalms 38 & 32

**What should we say ... what should we sing, when we realize
the gravity of our sin and the depravity of our soul?**

**God will hear the song of the contrite and brokenhearted sinner
so that when he or she confesses their sinful condition,
complete cleansing can take place.**

I. THE CONDITION OF THE BROKENHEARTED (Prologue to Psalm 51)

A. CORRUPT

1. The Declaration: After David went in to Bathsheba
2. The Details: II Samuel 11
3. The Disobedience (from vs.1-2)

B. CONFRONTED

1. The Warner: When Nathan the prophet came to him
2. His Words - II Sam. 12:1-14
3. His Ways: Willing to tell David that he was dirty!

II. THE CRY OF THE BROKENHEARTED (1-2)

A. THE FOUNDATION OF THE CRY

- God's loyal and longing love

B. THE FOCUS OF THE CRY

- Bless and cleanse me

III. THE CONFESSION OF THE BROKENHEARTED (3-6)

A. HE FACES HIS SIN (3, 5)

1. Responsibility (3)
 - This is my transgression
2. Recognition (3)
 - “I know” or “acknowledge” it
3. Realization (5)
 - The depravity of sin and proclivity for it

B. HE FACES HIS SOVEREIGN (4, 6)

1. God’s Will Was Ignored (4a)
2. God’s Condemnation is Just (4b)
3. God’s Standard is Right (6)

IV. THE CONCERN OF THE BROKENHEARTED (7-11)

A. A PURITY FROM GOD (7, 9-10)

1. A Cleansing (7)
2. A Concealment (9)
3. A Creation (10)

B. A PEACE WITH GOD (8)

1. The Desire
2. The Distress

C. THE PRESENCE OF GOD (11)

1. The Plea: Don’t cast me out of your presence!
2. The Peril: Removal of the Holy Spirit

V. THE COVENANT OF THE BROKENHEARTED (12-15)

A. RESTORE AND I WILL PROCLAM (12-13)

1. The Request (12)
2. The Resolve (13)

B. RELEASE AND I WILL PRAISE (14-15)

1. The Prayer:
 - Deliver me and open my lips
2. The Passion:
 - To sing and speak for God

VI. **THE CONCLUSION OF THE BROKENHEARTED** (16-17)

- A. GOD DISDAIN'S OFFERINGS (16)
- B. GOD DELIGHTS IN OPENNESS (17)
 - God desires brokenness and contriteness

VII. **THE CELEBRATION OF THE BROKENHEARTED** - Psalm 32:1-5

- A. REJOICING (1-2)
 - 1. Blessed Forgiveness (1)
 - 2. Blessed Freedom (2)
- B. RELIEF (3-4)
 - 1. No more suffering (3)
 - 2. No more suffocating (4)
- C. RECOVERY (5)
 - 1. I am committed to ongoing confession
 - 2. You have cleansed me from all guilt

CONCLUSION:

Do you know the psalms of the brokenhearted?
 - Does God hear these words from us?

Let us be broken and then beg God to make us whole.