

**Dangerous Prayers
Break Me**

Psalm 51:17

“A broken heart creates a greater affection for God.”

I. The Sacrifices of God are a Broken Spirit

v.17a - *“The sacrifices of God, are a broken spirit...”*

“For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.” Psalm 51:16

Psalm 51:17 points out the one thing God desires more than any other: brokenness over our own sin.

II. A Broken and Contrite Heart

v.17b – *“...a broken and contrite heart, O God...”*

Broken and contrite is not mere regret, it is implying a deep sorrow for sin.

“For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is ‘Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.” Isaiah 57:15

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.” Psalm 51:4

III. You Will Not Despise

v.17c – “...you will not despise.”

The deeper the sense of sin and the truer sorrow for it, the more heartfelt thankfulness for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Brokenness takes a selfish lifestyle and replaces it with a sacrificial lifestyle.

Brokenness produces a receptive and responsive heart to God's Word.

Brokenness leads to a life that is poured out or given away.

Mark 14 – Two stories – broken and poured out.

IV. Conclusion

“For, as to have a broken heart, is to have an excellent thing, so to keep this broken heart tender, is also very advantageous.” John Bunyan

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