

Brokenness, A Secret Key To The Glory Of God.

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Psalms 34:18: The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

This is one of the most wonderful truths that God has ever shown me. <u>Dependence</u> on God (His Word and Spirit) <u>opens for God's presence and help</u>. Come to think of it as I sit here typing, <u>dependence on God</u> is just another expression or word for <u>faith in God</u>.

Mark 11:22 says to have faith in God. How can we do that if we are relying on other things? God is a faith God and we are called to live and walk by faith in Him (Hebrews 10:38). We are to stay in a position of helpless dependency on God – a position of brokenness. We see in the bible that both Lucifer and Adam became self-reliant before they fell.

I remember during one of our concert and conference tours in France, God spoke to me and said: "La gloire de Dieu sortira un coeur brisé!" The glory of God comes or flows out of a broken heart. He then began to tell me about the life of Kathryn Kuhlman. She had a broken heart in a double sense of the word. Her heart or spirit was meek, but she also had a hole in her physical heart, yet <u>her dependence on God for help and strength made her a vessel and channel for His glory</u>. When I told this to the people in the conference meeting the next day, the glory of God fell and many salvations and physical healings took place.

(Psalms 51:17, paraphrased) The sacrifice that God loves, blesses, and always receives is a broken or yielded spirit.

Some of the most Godly and anointed people that I have ever had the privilege to meet were people that had a truly meek spirit. For example, one man (*who prophesied to me that I would preach in Spanish within a year, even though when he prophesied this I did not speak any Spanish*) had been in prison many times for his faith and left for dead after being beaten by a mob; yet, when he began to pray and talk to his Savior and Lord, everybody could feel God's presence fill the room like an invisible smoke.

In the book of Exodus, God called Moses to deliver God's people out from Egypt where they were kept in bondage. However, Moses <u>could not do this without preparation and brokennes</u>. Numbers 12:3 states that **Moses was the meekest, or most broken man on the face of the earth**. This, of course, did not come overnight. <u>It took forty years of preparation in obscurity before the Lord could use Moses to deliver His people</u>.

This is a prime example of God's grace and power.

If God is so great and merciful that He loves and can use someone like Moses who was an ex-murderer who had fled Egypt for his life, surely He can use you and me to glorify His name as we <u>walk helplessly dependent on His grace in brokenness</u>.

Words to study: Psalms 34:18, Mark 11:22, Psalms 51:17, Numbers 12:3

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