

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17 KJV

The heartbreak of sin only appeases God when the heartbreak is a result of the humble realization that God's Word is true and "every man a liar!" God is more concerned with your attitude than your actions when you've sinned. Confession is worthless unless accompanied by a broken heart. God's frown should be a believer's worst nightmare. His displeasure should bring us to tears. To please Him must be a passion conferred by the knowledge "He first loved us," and faith should be our most prized possession. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." What is a lover's prize? Is it the things their lover gives them or the person themselves? Is your search for God diligent or haphazard and sporadic? Are you satisfied with just having salvation or do you desire to know intimately the Lord that rescued you from death? He gave His own Life to save yours. Do you even care what He thinks? You would be headed straight for hell had He not come to die. One sin, one broken commandment, one little lie, is all it takes to damn you forever. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." God doesn't grade on the curve. No one passes in the classroom of His commandments. "There is none righteous, no, not one; for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Without a broken and contrite heart over your sin, there is no approach to God. The rich young ruler had kept the letter of the Law, but failed the attitude test. He went away sorrowing, because he trusted wealth more than God. He failed the humility test, because he thought he alone could judge his worthiness for heaven. David cried out to God, "Search me, O God! And see if there be any wicked way in me." We must humbly reach for the hem of Christ's garment of Holiness through trusting obedience to God's Word if we are to be made fit for Heaven. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Jesus put it another way, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Pride has no place in God's economy. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Humility requires abandonment of pride. We must see ourselves as God does, "poor wretched, blind, and naked." We must come empty-handed to the Throne of Grace and petition our gracious Sovereign for Eternal Life and pleasures which He has promised to the penitent. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." It's not insurance you're buying, because there's nothing you can pay for it. It is a free gift, but you must humbly petition for it by faith. You must leave pride at the doorway to the throne room of Grace!



A sacrifice of goat or ram,
Will not appease the great I AM,
The sacrifice of brokenness,
Will give the soul eternal bliss. ~CGP

What have you to offer God? Have you, like Cain, brought the fruit of your own labor? God says, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Is your pride worth your soul? You will detest it forever as you loathe yourself in the black torment of the eternal Lake of Fire!

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." James 4:7-10 KJV