

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool
A SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE / A BROKEN HEART
Psalm 51:1-19 (v. 16-17)

¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, "How should I understand this verse?" Is the passage dealing with a:

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<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principles

Answers the question: “What’s in it for me?”

- I. **WORSHIP** involves **Witness**, and **Witness** begins with our **Witnessing To GOD**. We bring to HIM our “**Spiritual Sacrifices**” and offer them with Gratitude to HIM....And in so doing **We Glorify HIM** and **We Edify Ourselves and others!**
- II. As GOD’s people today, we are a **HOLY PRIESTHOOD** offering **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES** acceptable to GOD through THE LORD JESUS CHRIST **(1 Peter 2:5)**...

So...what are **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES**?

- a) they are **NOT NECESSARILY NONMATERIAL** (although some of them are)
- b) The **SPIRITUAL** in **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** means “**of a **SPIRITUAL QUALITY**, or **RELATED to THE **SPIRIT!**”****

- c) If...what we offer is offered SINCERELY **TO** GOD
IN THE SPIRIT
THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
then our offerings / our gifts are acceptable to GOD... **as** **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES!**
- d) It is the **character and attitude** of the giver that gives **value** to the offering **(Mark 12:41-44)**...
- e) The first **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is **US**. **(Romans 12:1-2)**
- f) The second **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is **Prayer**. **(Psalm 141:2)**...
“Let My **PRAYER** be setforth before thee as **incense**; and the lifting up of my **HANDS** as the **Evening Sacrifice.**”

g) The third **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD is PRAISE
(Hebrews 13:15)

“By HIM therefore let US offer the sacrifice of **praise** to GOD
continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to HIS **NAME.**”

h) The fourth **SPIRITUAL SACRIFICE** that we offer to GOD as **A BROKEN HEART**
(Psalm 51:16-17)

III) **A BROKEN HEART** is....

- a) a poetic way of **declaring “deep sorrow”**.
- b) a poetic way of **declaring a sorrow / a sadness / a grief so/so/so deep that it embitters one’s life.**
- c) a poetic way of **declaring an anguish** so heavy that it assaults the most **vital** organ...for the **source and sustaining** of Life.
- d) the **product of “Deep Repentance”** not self-pity, remorse, or regret, but... **“Deep Repentance”** because of the sinner’s **recognition** of the **“GOODNESS and GRACE”** of GOD

IV) **A BROKEN HEART** is....

- a) always accompanied by a “**Humble Spirit**”
- b) the end of **PRIDE** in the one who enters the PRESENCE OF THE LORD ...

Examples:

(i) Abraham (Genesis 18:27)

...saw himself as dust and ashes....**NO PRIDE!**

(ii) Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5)

...saw himself as an unclean man with unclean lips....**NO PRIDE!**

(iii) Job (Job 40:4) saw himself as vile: **NO PRIDE!**

(iv) Simon Peter (Luke 5:8) fell down before THE LORD crying out “depart from me for I am a sinful man.... **NO PRIDE!**

(v) THE MOST COSTLY OF ALL THE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES!!

So WTPT? HTPP!

WORSHIP HIM (Definition)

- Respond to **THE LORD** **with** ALL that you are

Mind/Emotions/Will/Body **to** ALL that **GOD** is/says/does!

Which Looks Like... Submit to HIM!

Yield to HIM!

Align yourself with HIM!

Line Up under HIM!

Build your LIFE UPON HIM!

Build your LIFE AROUND HIM!

Center your LIFE IN HIM!

*The **GREATEST**
Expression of **WORSHIP**
is*

*The **smallest** act of
OBEDIENCE!*

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JOHN 4:23

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the
true worshippers shall worship the Father
in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh
such to worship him.*

*The **GREATEST**
Expression of **LOVE***

is

*The **daily(est) act of**
OBEDIENCE!*

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JOHN 14:15

(WORDS OF JESUS)

***“IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP
MY COMMANDMENTS.”***

*The **GREATEST**
Expression of **PRAISE**
is*

*The **humblest act of**
OBEDIENCE!*

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MATTHEW 15:8

*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,
And honoureth me with their lips;
but their heart is far from me.*