

## **Theme: The Sacrifices of God (The Acceptable Sacrifice)**

### **Lesson Focus: Characteristics of Brokenness**

#### **(Some signs of a broken and contrite heart)**

#### **1. A Broken Heart and Spirit is Sorrowful -- Visions of God break the heart**

##### **Job 42:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

<sup>6</sup>Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

##### **Ezekiel 36:31**

<sup>31</sup>Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

##### **Daniel 10:8**

<sup>8</sup>Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.

#### **2. A Broken Heart and Spirit is Humble**

##### **2 Samuel 6:20-22**

<sup>20</sup>Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!

<sup>21</sup>And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

#### **3. A Broken Heart and Spirit is Poor**

##### **Isaiah 66:2**

<sup>2</sup>For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

#### 4. A Broken Heart and Spirit Will Cry

##### **Jonah 2:2**

<sup>31</sup>And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

##### **Psalm 6:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. <sup>2</sup>Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. <sup>3</sup>My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?

#### 5. A Broken Heart and Spirit trembles at God's Word

##### **Ezra 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

<sup>2</sup>For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.

<sup>3</sup>And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.

<sup>4</sup>Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

##### **Acts 9:4-6**

<sup>4</sup>And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

<sup>5</sup>And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

<sup>6</sup>And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.