
Brokeness #3: God uses brokenness to bring us back to Him

*Psalms 51:16 For thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be pleased.¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a **broken** spirit; a **broken** and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

Job 5:17 "Behold, happy is the man whom God reproves; therefore despise not the chastening of the Almighty.¹⁸ For He wounds, but he binds up; He smites, but His hands heal."

*Amos 9:11 "In that day I will restore David's fallen tent. I will repair its **broken** places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be..."*

*Isaiah 58:12 **Your people** will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of **Broken** Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*

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Brokeness

Broken Hearts, Broken Ways, Broken Spirit

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There are three kinds of "brokeness."

Broken #1, We live in a broken world.

Broken #2, People are broken.

Broken #3, There is a *good* brokenness.

Brokeness #1

Job 1:13 Now on the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, 5 and the Sabeans attacked and took them. They also slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three bands and made a raid on the camels and took them and slew the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you." Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of

the Lord." Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.

■ Psalms 69:19 "You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed; all my enemies are before you. ²⁰Scorn has **broken** my heart and has left me helpless; I looked for sympathy, but there was none, for comforters, but I found none."

Brokenness #2: People are broken

■ Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

■ Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have **gone astray**. We have **turned**, each one, **to his own way**. And the Lord has laid on Him the **iniquity** of us all.

■ Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is **deceitful** above all things and **desperately corrupt**. Who can understand it?

The driver of human brokenness

■ Jeremiah 2:13 "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, **broken** cisterns that cannot hold water."

"Sin #1." We forsake" God.

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Sin #2. We try to create our own water.

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God breaks our cisterns (our false trusts; our idols)

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■ Ezekiel 30:21 "Son of man, I have **broken** the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. It has not been bound up for healing or put in a splint so as to become strong enough to hold a sword."

■ Ezekiel 30:22 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt. I will break both his arms, the good arm as well as the **broken** one, and make the sword fall from his hand."

■ Ezekiel 6:6 Wherever you live, the towns will be laid waste and the high places demolished, so that your altars will be laid waste and devastated, your idols smashed and ruined, your incense altars **broken** down, and what you have made wiped out.