

# ***The Glory of Brokenness***

## ***March 24th, 2019 – Billy Humphrey***

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### **I. The Sermon on the Mount: the Culture of the Kingdom**

**Mat 5:3** "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

A. The entrance to the kingdom is only available to those who will confess their need and spiritual poverty.

B. The key is understanding that not only is the entrance to the kingdom through poor in spirit, all that we receive in the kingdom is through being poor in spirit.

### **II. God looks on the Broken**

**Isa 66:1** Thus says the LORD: "Heaven *is* My throne, And earth *is* My footstool. Where *is* the house that you will build Me? And where *is* the place of My rest?"

**2** For all those *things* My hand has made, And all those *things* exist," Says the LORD. "**But on this one will I look:** On *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

A. God is looking for a dwelling place. But there is not a house that man can build for God. There is not something we can make in our strength that God is able or willing to dwell in.

B. The divine question comes, "Where is the place of My rest?"

C. The answer is I will look to one who has a poor and broken spirit as my resting place.

D. The evidence of being broken in the way that the Lord describes is trembling as His word.

1. Trembling at His word is reverencing the Word of God with deep respect and honor unto acting in obedience and faith.

2. Psalm 119:161 "... My heart stands in awe of your word."

### **III. God Dwells with the Broken**

**Isa 57:15** For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "**I dwell** in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

A. We must look at the One who is supremely exalted in order for brokenness to take root in our soul. Have we rightly considered His greatness and magnificence?

B. He dwells in the highest, holy place with him who is contrite and humble. The highest one in the highest place with the lowliest of all – This is the mystery of all the ages.

C. Revival is promised to the ones who are contrite.

### **IV. God Never Despises the Broken**

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**Psa 51:17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, **you will not despise.**

- A. The only sacrifice God wants from you is your brokenness (Psalm 40:6).
- B. He will never turn away the one who comes to Him in humility

#### **V. God Gives Glory to the Broken**

**Isa 61:1** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken in heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; **2** to declare the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of recompence; to comfort all that mourn; **3** that there should be given to them that mourn in Zion glory instead of ashes, the oil of joy to the mourners, the garment of glory for the spirit of heaviness: and they shall be called generations of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for glory.(Brenton Version)

- A. God's great desire is to clothe the broken with glory.
- B. He wants to display His glory through earthen vessels (2 Cor 4:7)
- C. This is the anointing that is upon Jesus: healing the broken heart and replacing the garment of heaviness with the garment of glory