



“You would not be pleased with sacrifices, or I would bring them. If I brought You a burnt offering, You would not accept it. The sacrifice You want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, You will not despise. Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will be pleased with worthy sacrifices and with our whole burnt offerings; and bulls will again be sacrificed on Your altar.”

Psalm 51:16-19 NLT

We understand now that the new birth is a miracle of God’s Spirit acting upon His Word that has been sown into our hearts. We also understand that the renewing of our minds (our soul’s thoughts and emotions) is an ongoing process!

And so we must also learn that our sacrifice is meaningless to God if our hearts are not humble and broken before Him! To sacrifice without the proper heart attitude is to present an unacceptable offering! Outward activities without corresponding inward attitudes are hollow and meaningless gestures.

How our Father delights in doing us good and yet so often we may never fully experience His abundance because of the hardness of our own hearts that keep us from hearing and receiving that goodness!

A Christian delights in doing God’s will. He further revels in making sacrifices that please God. How disappointing it may be for many who would present gifts to the Lord that bear the stench of the old nature or the carnal and fleshy works of man. To awaken on that Day with such offerings would indeed be heart breaking.

“Lord, may my gifts and sacrifices be found pleasing to You. May my life, my thoughts, my attitudes be offered to You from a broken and contrite heart!”

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