

PRAYER, REPENTANCE and RENEWAL
THE RESULTS OF RENEWAL
 Psalm 51:10-19

1. GOD GIVES US A NEW MAKEOVER (10)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

Here is an amazing paradox. We have the ability to make our hearts dirty, but we do not have the ability to make our hearts clean again. Nor do we have the ability to keep our hearts clean.

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT’S PRESENCE AND EMPOWERMENT RETURNS TO US (11)

“Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.”

3. THE JOY OF GOD’S SALVATION IS RESTORED TO US

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation” (12)

“Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice” (8)

GOD IS IN THE BONE-CRUSHING BUSINESS:

Psalm 32:3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

4. ABILITY FOR CONSISTENCY IS PROVIDED

“renew a right spirit within me” (10)

“uphold me with a willing spirit” (12)

5. GOD CAN USE US TO TEACH OTHERS HOW TO WALK WITH HIM. (13)

“Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.”

This includes helping those who have turned from God because of sin how to return to God.

6. WE WILL SPEAK FREELY TO GOD AND ABOUT GOD (13-15)

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

7. WE WILL BE DELIVERED FROM THE GUILT OF OUR SIN (14)

“Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation”

Psalm 32:5 (NIV) *Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”* And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

8. WE WILL OFFER SACRIFICES TO GOD THAT PLEASE HIM (16-19)

¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

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

¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar

REFLECTION:

Come before God with a broken and contrite heart.

Ask yourself, “What sacrifices can I make (or am I making) that demonstrate that my heart is broken before God?”

If you are living in the joy of our Lord’s salvation, then rejoice all the more in that.

If you need to be restored to that joy, then ask God to restore you.