

Sermon ~ Sunday, October 10, 2021, by Pastor, Dwight Benoit

Text: Exodus 32: 1-14, 35

Title: "Broken heart!"

The *Characters* of the text (not in the order presented), each has a "Broken heart!"

- GOD... **WHO** sees; **WHO** hears our cry, cries of distress, our crying; **WHO'S** aware of our suffering. In our thinking, **HE** comes, but really, **HE'S** in time; **GOD, WHO** rescues, redeems, and resurrects; **WHO** leads us to Canaan's Land. In the text, **HE** has a "Broken heart!"
- Moses... the pulled out/drawn out... the Princess (Pharaoh's daughter), named him, *Moshe*, the Egyptian word for "son," for she said, "I drew him out of the water." (Exodus 2: 10)  
But Moses, is **GOD'S** Leader; **GOD** prepared him to Lead; He is **GOD'S** Prophet/Lawgiver. **The Man of GOD** through whom **GOD** gave **HIS WORD(s)**, did **HIS Works** despite, the frailty of the people.  
While Moses delights in **GOD** on the Mountain-top, its interrupted by disappointment in the people, down in the Valley. In the text, Moses has a "Broken heart!"
- The People... **The Children of GOD**. Restless. Mind you, There **HIS-story** told of their ancestor's slavery/bondage for 400 years—**BUT GOD**! Mind you, this generation, *miraculously free* now, and have been wandering in the wilderness and deserts of Sin, For 40 years... *No water* at Marah; Manna (Bread) and Quail from Heaven, between Elim and Mount Sinai; Water from a Rock in Rephidim; they were never naked (without clothes), nor barefooted (without shoes)—**BUT GOD**!  
In the text, Moses has been gone for almost 40 days and the people are restless, reviling/railing, verbally abusing and rebelling. V. 9, says, "The **LORD** said, I have seen this people, and, Behold, it is a stiff-necked people" [I have seen how *stubborn* and *rebellious*, they are]. Why? "Broken heart!"

"Broken heart!"

*Is it*, a pain in your chest, that hurts so deeply?

*Is it*, because your entire life, gets thrown out of whack?

*Is it*, when its so difficult, that you find no good reason, to get out of bed?

*Is it*, the result of a roadblock and you just can't figure out how to get back on track?

*Biblically*, the two words for "Broken heart" in the Hebrew are,

1. Shabar, meaning to *burst*, what's inflated... it describes the *breaking* of things. It describes the need to 'shatter' ... the *heart* or *emotions*.  
Psalms 69: 20, describes a "Broken heart,"  
"Their insults have broken my heart, and I am in despair. If only one person would show some pity; if only one would turn to comfort me."
2. Leb, describing the "heart," which includes our *feelings, motives, affections, desires, will, aims, principles, thoughts, intellect*.  
The Leb, the *heart*, is the entire "inner man."

BUT, when **Heart Broken...**

--Three times at Mount Sinai, *the people* had promised to obey **GOD**, and whatever, **GOD** told them to do... "Moses returned from the mountain and called together the leaders of *the people* and told them what **The LORD** had said. They all responded together, "We will do it."

And Moses returned the words of the people unto **The LORD**." (Exodus 19: 7, 8)

"And all *the people* saw the thundering and lightning, the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when *the people* saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not **GOD** speak with us, lest we die." (Exodus 20: 18, 20)

"When Moses had announced to *the people* all the teachings and regulations **The LORD** had given him, they answered in unison, "We will do everything **The LORD** has told us to do. Then he took **The Book of The Covenant** and read it to the people. They all responded again, "We will do everything **The LORD** has commanded. We will obey." (Exodus 24: 3, 7)

Now, *Moses* is in The Mountain, *the people*, 'is tired of waiting' for him to return—They could not wait on *Moses*—they could not wait on **GOD**... "Wait on **The LORD**: be of good courage, and **HE** shall strength thine heart: wait, I say, on **The LORD**." Waiting reveals *submission* to **GOD**.

So, they gave themselves up to "a great *sin*." (Exodus 32: 21) It was *great* because of *who* committed it (**GOD'S** *people*). It was *great* because of *when* and *where* they committed this *sin*, (they just left Mt. Sinai, when **GOD** spoke and, and they said, *We will obey!*)

--The Character of the Sin: Idolatry. They worshiped a *golden calf*.

They broke commandment # 1, "Thou shalt have no other gods before **ME**." (Exodus 20: 3)

They broke commandment # 2, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of *any thing* that is in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or *is* in the water under the earth." (Exodus 20: 4)

They broke commandment # 10. "Thou shalt not covet..." (Exodus 20: 17)

--The Corruption from the Sin: they gave themselves to the flesh and ended up *naked*...

Bad *doctrine* leads to bad *deeds*. Evil has a price, and people are often very willing to pay it, in order to, *sin*. "But, The wages of sin is death..." Aaron and Hur, and the Leaders (Exodus 24: 14) had authority from Moses to lead in his absence... instead of retraining *the people*, Aaron went along with them, gratifying the desires of their *sinful* hearts.

--The Cognizance of The Sin: **GOD** knew and told Moses of the *sin*. "Go, get thee down..."

*Moses* must confront a wicked bunch, with their *sin*. Many are like these Israelites, who need Pastors to confront them about *sin*.

--The COMpassion of the Sin: *Moses* besought **The LORD** his **GOD**... *Moses* pleaded to **GOD**,

"Why doth **THY** wrath wax hot against **THY** people?" This question is rhetorical, that is, it is not expressing *ignorance* of the reason for **GOD'S** anger, but it is an appeal for **The Mercy of GOD** to forgo the punishment of Israel. Three reasons: 1. **YOU** brought them out of Egypt with great power. **YOU** are a *Preserving GOD*!

2. What would “they-Egyptians think.” **YOUR Honor** and *The Praise YOU* deserve, will be spoken evil of. 3. **YOU Promised...** Abraham, Isaac, and Israel (Jacob)... “to whom **THOU** swarest” ... I will multiply your seed . . . and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed.”  
I know your **Heart is Broken**... But think about it...

*Moses* used a *human term* to describe **Divine Actions**— “**The LORD repented** of the evil...”  
**GOD never** repent, for **HE** can not lie! And **The LORD never** changes **HIS Mind**, for **HE** knows what **HE** purposes, before we plan. But **The LORD** does have a **Broken heart!!!**

That why **JESUS** came!!!

**Matthew 11: 28**

“Come unto **ME** all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**John 16: 33**

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in **ME** ye might have peace.  
In the world ye shall have tribulation:  
but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

**John 14: 27**

“Peace I leave with you, **MY** peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth,  
give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

**JESUS** came to mend **“Broken hearts!”**

**OH, The Potter want to put You back Together Again!**