

The Lord Heals the Broken in Heart
(Psalm 147:1-5)

Introduction:

1. Like many of the other Psalms, Psalm 147 begins with an exhortation for the Lord's people to praise Him.
2. Giving praise to the Lord is described as "*good*" and "*pleasant*."
3. The writer continued by showing why the Lord deserves praise from His people.
4. In our lesson we are concentrating on one particular matter addressed in vs.3a -- "*He healeth the broken in heart*."
5. Let us begin by showing how . . .

Discussion:

- I. A BROKEN HEART IS A REQUIREMENT FOR BEING IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE LORD
 - A. David made this point very clearly in Psalm 51:17.
 1. David had committed adultery and murder, and he was asking God to forgive him (vs.1-2).
 2. As he pleaded with God to forgive him, David pointed out in vs.17 that a broken heart is a requirement for being in good standing with God.
 3. David also showed in Psalm 32:1-2 that a forgiven person is truly blessed.
 - B. The publican in the Lord's parable also illustrates the point (Luke 18:13-14a).
 - C. Let us turn our attention to the fact that . . .
- II. JESUS CAME TO HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED
 - A. Isaiah made a very important prophecy in this regard (Isaiah 61:1-2).
 - B. According to Luke 4:16-21, Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.
 - C. Note especially that the Father sent Jesus "*to heal the brokenhearted*."
 - D. To summarize,:
 1. A broken heart is a requirement for being in good standing with the Lord.
 2. Jesus came to heal the broken hearted.
- III. THE SCRIPTURES SHOW HOW THE LORD HEALED THE BROKEN HEARTS OF MANY PEOPLE
 - A. The Lord healed the broken hearts of thousands on Pentecost (Acts 2:37-47).
 - B. The Lord healed Saul's broken heart.
 1. Saul persecuted the church (Acts 8:3; 9:1-2).
 2. In Acts 9:9 we read about his reaction to speaking with the Lord.
 3. He responded to the teaching of Ananias (Acts 9:17-18; Acts 22:16).
 4. Note the change that took place in Saul's life (Acts 9:19-22).
 - C. The Lord healed the broken heart of the jailer in Philippi (Acts 16:26-34).
 - D. The Lord healed the broken heart of Simon (Acts 8:13, 18-24).

Conclusion:

1. Our study should help us to appreciate the words found in Psalm 147:1, 3.
2. The Lord offers His gracious invitation to us in Matthew 11:28-30.