

**Miracles that follow the plow :: A broken heart****A broken heart - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/10/17 1:10**

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Just to add to this: 17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins. James 4:17 James is so practical. I think to myself often, that my proffesion of doctrine does not match up to my actions. Something along the line of, you only as real as you are. :-? If that makes sense.

Anyway blessings all,

Re: A broken heart - posted by Eli_Barnabas (), on: 2005/10/17 9:22

Yeah brother.

Re: A broken heart, on: 2005/10/17 10:05

Zeke,

Very touched by what you've shared here and taking it to heart for myself.

Within the context of the chapter you quoted, Samuel had not failed.... but he would fail if he *ceased* to pray for the people.

The Lord may have brought this to your attention - to deepen your commitment to prayer ministry - but let your heart be encouraged by His word to you. :-)

Re: A broken heart - posted by TLC, on: 2005/10/17 10:26

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Thank You, for these verses - they have brought much strength and encouragement.

God Bless You,
-TLC

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Re: A broken heart - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/17 10:40

Thank you ZekeO,

Interesting how similar;

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**

Maybe the catch all is in *for necessity is laid upon me*

Think there is something very subtle in that which you quoted and depending on the burden we all sense the Lord may have given each of us...

(Note the other revealing sentiment **Moreover as for me**)

I think what is really diabolical is that prayer can be seen as less 'practical', it doesn't have that outward show sans the public or corporate style. As it is in general, secret and hidden, away from prying eyes but naked before God. Void of pretense and showing... The worst of it is in unbelieving, that it is of any effect, that if we are not always doing something to be seen of men.. Oh how it smites the pride and compulsion for so called vindication! To be seen and heard, the 'proving ground'...

To be hidden away and of no reputation, to pray and intercede without fanfare or acknowledgement. How many through the years that have in this quiet way done 'so little' in mens eyes but mighty incredible things through the Lord.

It is a haunting verse brother...

Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/10/17 14:02

Quote:

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Indeed Mike, it challenges me a great deal hence this thread.

At this stage in my walk I cannot think of anything as sacrificial as pouring out intercessions, prayer and thanksgivings for other believers. That their ministries and work for the Lord would prosper and multiply, basically that his kingdom would come in their lives. Not concerned about what he may or may not have for me.

Do I know him, and more importantly does he know me. I know he knows everything anyway, but have you voluntarily let yourself be vulnerable to him. To know him as he really is, that is the great hunger in this heart, and not for my sake, but for the absolute awesomeness of just knowing him.

Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward. What an awesome thing for God to say, he is the reward for finding him, there goes the transistors in the brain.

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Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/17 15:52

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Amen

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The way you put that ... It is an awesome thing when you stop to think about it.

...and this is Eternal life...

Re: A broken heart - posted by nri (), on: 2005/10/17 18:06

Dear ZekeO, I can't say how timely it has been for me to read your post. I've just registered as a new user, and felt I had to share a reply.

I too have been feeling such a burden of prayer recently...and yet also feeling so weak and inexperienced in the realm of true, fervent prayer...and God is saying to me that He is going to teach me, and His Spirit will lead me to pray as I ought.

Our God is so awesome...there are no words to describe His working in our lives...and even more humbling, is the fact that our Lord Jesus "ever lives to make intercession for us"-praise His name!!! Where would we be without the prayers of Christ?

Lord, teach us to pray.

Re: A broken heart - posted by rocklife (), on: 2005/10/17 19:01

your honesty and confession is wonderful, keep persevering, after confession comes forsaking sins, God has the power to change you if you let Him, and answered prayers are an awesome testimony, God bless you. With God's help and love, I continually pray for the sin all around that grieves me and the children so often affected, the news reports and my own eyewitness accounts are prayer letters daily. Thank you for the encouragement to keep on uplifting others in prayer :)

Re: A broken heart, on: 2005/10/18 12:03

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Thank you ZekeO for bringing these Scriptures to our remembrance. It has been a while since I have read them.

I read a quote this morning that reminded me of this thread:

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"Ask God to lay the burden upon you, and that heavily...that it may press you down upon your knees. My prayer for you is that God will work such sorrow within you that you will have no alternative but to pray." -James O. Fraser.

Also Charles Spurgeon's Morning by Morning, today's reading was a blessing to me on the path of prayer.

"Many are the paths of the Lord" which "drop fatness," but an especial one is the path of prayer. No believer, who is much in the closet, will have need to cry, "My leanness, my leanness; woe unto me." Starving souls live at a distance from the mercy-seat, and become like the parched fields in times of drought. Prevalence with God in wrestling prayer is sure to make the believer strong—if not happy. The nearest place to the gate of heaven is the throne of the heavenly grace. Much alone, and you will have much assurance; little alone with Jesus, your religion will be shallow, polluted with many doubts and fears, and not sparkling with the joy of the Lord. Since the soul-enriching path of prayer is open to the very weakest saint; since no high attainments are required; since you are not bidden to come because you are an advanced saint, but freely invited if you be a saint at all; see to it, dear reader, that you are often in the way of private devotion. Be much on your knees, for so Elijah drew the rain upon famished Israel's fields..." Reading for October 18.

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Amen!

Re: Spurgeon - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/10/18 16:17

Thank you Joy!

Wonderful words from Spurgeon.