

Psalm 51:16-17

Crushed-Heart
Humility

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David recognized that God doesn't want mere rituals and so committed himself to offering God, crushed-heart humility.

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I. Biblical repentance understands that God is not pleased with us doing external rituals alone.

“God did take pleasure in the sacrificial ritual of his people, for he instructed them in it; the point is that he did not want it from an unforgiven sinner”

(Allen Ross, *A Commentary on the Psalms, II:203*)

“The point is painfully clear—if people have unconfessed sin in their lives, God has no delight in their worship”

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II. Biblical repentance offers crushed-heart humility to God in worship.

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- C. Crushed hearts are repentant before God.

It is out of a humble, broken heart before God that our sweetest joy flows from our lips.

Only when the vial is broken does the sweet fragrance of humble worship rise up to God.