



60. A Broken Heart

“The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry ... The righteous cry, and the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit,” Psalm 34:15-18.

Some trials are so severe that they leave us brokenhearted. Two Hebrew words are translated into the one English word “bro-

kenhearted" in those verses. The word translated as *broken* means crushed, shattered, ripped into pieces. The word translated as *heart* means your innermost center of emotions. Some severe trials leave us with hearts that are broken, crushed, shattered, and ripped into pieces. We can be heart-wounded by a broken relationship, by abandonment, by someone's death, by a terminal or debilitating disease, by failure, by an accident, or by assault, abuse, or brutality.

Are you brokenhearted? Don't abandon the One who hears. Don't turn away from Him. Be righteous. Cry out to the One who hears the righteous. God hears and heals. Psalm 147:3-5 says, "*He heals the broken-*

hearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite.” God knows everything about you. He knows everything about your trials. He is abundant in strength. He is infinite in understanding. Cry out to the One who can and will heal you. He may not take away all of your scars until Heaven. But before then, in His time, He can deliver you from the crushing weight of your broken heart. Until that time, cry out to Him ... and endure. And let your “*endurance have its perfect result,*” James 1:4.