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'...Take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you...'

1 Corinthians 11:24

Broken is Best

From time to time we all break things. It can be very annoying, especially if it is something we are particularly fond of. Now, unless it is easily mended, whenever something gets broken, that's the end of it. However, sometimes in the Bible, if something gets broken, then that's only the start of it...not the end.

For example, whenever Gideon had to face the Midianite army with only three hundred men, God sent them into the battle with only two things. One was a trumpet-like horn and the other was a large clay pot, inside of which was concealed a very bright lamp. Gideon's men quietly encircled the camp of the Midianites under the cover of darkness. Then, whenever the signal was given, they stood up, blew loudly on their horns and broke open the clay pots to reveal the bright lamps inside.

It took tremendous courage and faith in God on their part, because having roused the enemy they had no weapons of any kind to defend themselves with. God rewarded their obedience, because the noise of the horns blowing and the glare of the bright lamps threw the Midianites into disarray. Tumbling out of their tents, half asleep, and unable to see clearly, they lunged out in every direction with their weapons and ended up killing each other. Breaking those pots in obedience brought a great victory to God's

people. In a world full of darkness and with a great enemy before us, we too can have the same victory by breaking forth and shining bright for God and by trumpeting the truth of the Gospel with our voices. God will do the rest. God will give the victory, causing us to realise that broken is indeed best.

The New Testament is full of examples of 'broken is best'. Think of the bread that was broken to feed the five thousand. Think of the nets that began to break with the huge catch of fish. Think of the alabaster box of perfume broken by Mary to anoint the Saviour. However, the greatest example of brokenness is the very means whereby we as sinners can be saved. You see, shortly before the Saviour laid down his life for us upon the cross, he gathered his disciples in the upper room. Sitting there, he lifted the bread and said, 'This is my body broken for you.' The Lord Jesus was illustrating that soon afterwards he would be taken away to be bruised, battered and broken upon the cross to save us from our sin.

I wonder if you rejoice today in the broken body and the precious shed blood of the Lord Jesus, because having trusted in him, he is now your Saviour. Pondering over the great sacrifice that he made for you, you can now say, of a truth that, 'broken is best.'



WORD SEARCH



Find in the grid below some of the many things that are described as broken in God's Word. The remaining letters make up the answer to one last thing that is not easily broken which is mentioned in the Bible. Clue - read Ecclesiastes Chapter 4.

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7	M	H	8	I	9	4	2	S	A	3	T	4	5
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6	7	R	8	9	2	3	C	O	R	D	4	5	6
7	8	T	9	2	3	B	O	D	Y	4	7	8	9

- Q WALLS OF JERICO
- Q BODY
- Q NETS
- Q SHIP
- Q POTS
- Q ARMS
- Q ALABASTER BOX
- Q CITY
- Q HEART
- Q SPIRIT
- Q BREAD



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