

Two Inseparable Truths

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A broken and contrite heart is achieved by abiding in God's presence and maintaining a humble attitude towards others.

Scripture: Job 42:1

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Description

Theodore Epp emphasizes the inseparable truths of recognizing God's holiness and our own depravity, as illustrated in Job 42:1-6. Job's profound encounter with God led him to a deep understanding of his own vileness, moving beyond mere acknowledgment to a personal confession of his unworthiness. This intimate revelation is a work of the Spirit, prompting a genuine self-abhorrence that manifests in humility and grace towards others. Epp highlights that true humility is not just a profession but is reflected in our attitudes and responses to others, especially when faced with insult or injury. Ultimately, a vision of God's righteousness compels us to confront our own shortcomings and fosters a contrite heart before Him.

Transcript

Job 42:1-6

Job had a new comprehension of God, which brought a new comprehension of himself. He acknowledged that he was vile.

Many believers think they have reached the end of themselves when they give mental assent to the doctrine of human depravity and say we are all depraved. But it is one thing to speak of vileness and depravity in general; it is quite another for us to know deep within that we are vile. To say before the Lord, "I am the one," is the place Job came to and the place we need to come to. This is a personal, intimate thing--a private matter between ourselves and God. It is not something that one believer can reveal to another. It comes as the result of the work of the Spirit in our hearts.

These two things always go together: "Mine eye seeth thee" (Job 42:5) and "I abhor myself" (v. 6). To catch a new vision of God and His righteousness is to bring us to the place where we hate what we are in ourselves. When God's light shines into our hearts, we cannot help but abhor ourselves.

Self-abhorrence is expressed by a humble spirit and a gracious attitude. It is of little use to profess humility if we are quick to resent any injury we may suffer or to feel insulted when someone has slighted us or

discouraged us.

The true secret of a broken and contrite heart is to abide in the presence of Almighty God and then to maintain a correct attitude toward those around us.

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (Isa. 6:5).

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