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*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## **BROKEN THINGS**

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This Bible study explores some broken things recorded in the word of the Lord.

### **BROKEN COVENANT.**

Regarding the covenant of circumcision the Lord said, *“And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant”* (Gen. 17:14). God has two major covenants: old and new. Israel broke the first covenant by not keeping it (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-13). We break His covenant today by not doing as the New Testament teaches.

### **BROKEN COMMANDMENT.**

It is written concerning presumptuousness, *“Because he hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him”* (Num. 15:31). To do that which the Lord has not commanded is to break the commandment (Dt. 18:20, 22).

**BROKEN WALL.** It was reported to Nehemiah, *“The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with*

*fire”* (Neh. 1:3). The man of God went by night *“...and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down...”* (Neh. 2:13). This occurred in 586 B.C. when the king of the Chaldees came in and carried the Lord’s people away to Babylon (2 Chr. 36:16-20). It was the resolve of the children out of captivity to *“build up”* the broken wall (Neh. 2:17).

### **BROKEN HEART.**

The Psalmist declared: *“The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit”* (Ps. 34:18). *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise”* (Ps. 51:17). The Lord has the ability to mend the threads of your broken heart!

### **BROKEN BOWL, PITCHER,**

**WHEEL.** Ecclesiastes 12:6 illustrates death in these words: *“Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.”* Solomon said, *“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it”* (Eccl. 12:7). God formed man of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7) and said, *“...unto dust shalt thou return”* (Gen. 3:19). We never know at what hour this brake will occur, so always be ready!

### **BROKEN CISTERNS.**

The Lord revealed by Jeremiah, *“For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water”* (Jer. 2:13). Imagine having a fountain of living water, but trading it for broken cisterns! This is what Isarel did when they turned from God to idols! *“Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry”* (1 Cor. 10:14).

### **BROKEN BREAD.**

It is said of first Christians: *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”* (Acts 2:42). *“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread...”* (Acts 20:7). Breaking bread, in this context, is a comprehensive expression that refers to *“the Lord’s supper”* (1 Cor. 11:20).

### **BROKEN LIFE.**

The Psalmist said: *“...I am like a broken vessel”* (Ps. 31:12). *“I am feeble and sore broken...”* (Ps. 38:8). Can you relate to that? There is a song that says, *“Bring Christ your broken life, So marred by sin, He will create anew, Make whole again; Your empty, wasted years, He will restore, And your iniquities Remember no more.”* Will you bring Christ your broken life?

## CONVERSION

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The basic meaning of conversion is “to change, a turning from and a turning to.” The Bible has much to say about conversion.

### CONVERSION IS

**NECESSARY.** *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19). The Lord said, *“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven”* (Mt. 18:3).

### CONVERSION MEANS

**CHANGE.** Without change, there is no conversion! Conversion involves change in three areas:

1. A change of heart by faith. This is not the blood pump, but the mind which thinks (Prov. 23:7). One’s heart must be changed from unbelief to belief as one hears the word of God (Rom. 10:17).

2. A change of life by repentance. Without a change in one’s conduct or course of life, one is not converted! Change is not always easy. This, perhaps,

is one of the hardest things for men to do. Often, this change of life is where so many fail. There are members of the church who claim to be converted Christians, but their life hasn’t changed! That’s not how it works. Repentance is a command from God to all men everywhere (Acts 17:30). This means one turns from that which is wrong to that which is right (1 Th. 1:9). It requires one stops living in sin. No longer yielding his body to sin, but yielding his body to God, His will and what is right (Rom. 6). This is a change in mind, determining to do those things which are evil no longer, and is expressed in a change of action (Mt. 21:28-29).

3. A change of relationship by baptism. A change of heart and life will do no good, if there is no change in relationship! Prior to being baptized, a person is dead in sin, separated from God (Eph. 2:1; Is. 59:2). Something must happen in order to receive life and be reconciled to God! This occurs through baptism as one puts to death the old man of sin and rises to walk in newness of life, being freed from sin (Rom. 6). One is baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27), where he is made nigh by the blood of

Christ (Eph. 2:12-13). It takes all three of these to be truly converted as the Bible teaches!

### EXAMPLES OF

**CONVERSION.** The book of Acts contains many cases of conversion. These cases illustrate Scriptural conversion, and lay down a pattern of conversion we must follow in order to be converted just as they were. 1. Jews on Pentecost (Acts 2). 2. The Samaritans (Acts 8:5-12). 3. Simon (Acts 8:13). 4. Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-39). 5. Saul (Acts 9:1-18; 22:1-16; 26). 6. Cornelius (Acts 10-11). 7. Lydia (Acts 16:14-15). 8. Philippian Jailor (Acts 16:25-34). 9. Corinthians (Acts 18:1-8). 10. Ephesians (Acts 19:1-7). Acts is the great commission in action (Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:47). As the apostles preached the gospel, men and women heard the gospel, believed the gospel, and obeyed the gospel in repenting of their sins (Acts 2:38), confessing their faith (Acts 8:37), and being baptized (Acts 2:41). Thus, a change of heart by faith, life by repentance, and relationship by baptism occurred.

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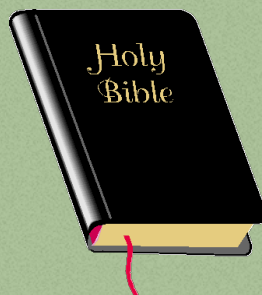
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