

**Broken Spirit, Contrite Heart.**  
**S.R. Psa.51:14-19**

Introduction.

Though David was chosen by God to replace Saul, he was not a perfect man, *yet* David was a man ‘after God’s own heart’. Why was this so? The answer lies in Psalm 51, which reveals to us that David was always conscious of his sin & shame, but unlike others who turned away from God in despair he knew that only God could repair a soul that was crushed, humbled and broken in spirit – a spirit broken by the overwhelming power of grief.

Broken Spirit (shabar) - To shatter or break in pieces. A glass broken into a thousand pieces would be extremely difficult to put together. The human spirit shattered in this way; only God can put together!

Contrite Heart (dakah) – Crushed, collapsed, crumbled. A collapsed heart would mean instant death!

Figuratively – It means that the whole of mankind; body, soul & spirit are shattered & crushed beyond repair by the power of sin!

Man’s extremity is God’s opportunity!      Isa.57:15

David’s Sin      2Sam.11:1-27, 12:1-13

The Contrite Sinner’s Prayer.      Psa.51:1-19

David’s repentance included;

1. Godly sorrow for his sin
2. Verbal confession
3. Turning away from sin
4. Forgiveness
5. Restoration of God’s favour
6. Rejoicing in salvation
7. Testifying to others of God’s grace

Do you want to be a ‘man after God’s own heart’?