

Discipleship Series for New Believers

Lesson 10: The Broken Heart of God

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This is an idea someone shared with me several years ago, and it really opened up my eyes to the broken heart of God. If one can picture what it is like to give birth to a child, to love that child, and raise that same child, then one will have a better understanding of the broken heart of God for His children to be with Him. He has known each and every person since they were formed in their mother's womb. He knows every detail of each person's life. He knows the very hairs on their heads. The thoughts He has towards each person outnumbers the sands of the sea. This can all be found in Psalm 139. He is acquainted with all of the ways of the people He created.

God created mankind to be loved by Him. He created mankind with a free will so that people could choose out of love to serve Him. He did not create people without choice. Everything declares that there is a God. The universe is so complex and so full of majesty, and it points to the fact that it did not just occur, but there was a God that created everything. Not only did He reveal Himself through nature, but He has chosen to reveal Himself through the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God, and He left heaven where there are no tears and no sorrow. He left a place where there is no death. There is nothing that is offensive, and neither is there sin or pain in heaven. He was born humbly and lived a humble life. He lived His life as a carpenter. He lived a perfect and sinless life. He healed sick people, He raised the dead, and He preached the truth that would bind up broken hearts and set captives free. He revealed to us the Father while He was on earth. He revealed Himself as God, and He revealed the heart He has for sinful, broken humanity. He would rather leave a perfect place and live in the chaos, hurt, and pain, be rejected by men, and suffer a painful, humiliating death on a cross than be without His creation. He created people to be objects of His affection and not His wrath. Jesus came to earth not to condemn the world but to save people. He came to show the way to life – eternal life with Him. However, people often choose to go their own way. In fact, the Bible says that all have chosen to go their own way, but Jesus made a way for lost humanity to be reconciled with Himself. This happens by believing in Jesus Christ as the perfect, sinless sacrifice – He completely paid the price for each person's sins. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He made a way so people could know God and experience His love and His mercy. They did not have to be separated from Him by their sins and wrong choices anymore. People are created to be the objects of God's affection. People are created for fellowship with God. We are created to hear His voice and to experience His life and love. We are created with the hopes that we would choose with our lives to love Him.

Sadly, many of the children that God has created never do choose to love Him. Instead, they choose to continue living without believing that He existed. They live continuing to do whatever they think is right in their own eyes instead of entrusting their lives to His love and care and to the way He has shown us we can maintain continual fellowship with Him. The worst part of this is that it breaks the heart of God. Jesus Christ paid a huge price for those that accept Him and those that reject Him. He died on the cross for the sins of those that reject Him, and yet He knew them their entire lives. He knew them from the time they were conceived in their mother's womb. He called out to them often that they might know Him and experience His love. Yet, because they chose never to accept what He did for them, they are separated from His love for all eternity. Thinking about this can one imagine the heartbreak of God? Can one imagine what it is like to know someone that intimately for so long with such an intense love and yet have it end in eternal separation? His heart breaks for the ones that do not yet know and experience His love. Yet in the end, those who have not received of His love, mercy, and goodness are still separated because of their free will and the fact that they chose a life without God. I was just thinking about this today and wanted to share the broken heart of God for His children to be with Him.