

GOD'S WAY TO BLESSING: BROKENNESS!

Acts 7:9-29

INTRODUCTION: Our Lord does not want us directing our own lives by our five senses: sight, taste, hearing, touch and smell. All these five senses are gifts from our heavenly Father to us but are not sufficient to lead us in the ways of the Lord. Our soul: our mind, will and emotions and even our conscience are insufficient guides to our life as our Lord longs to have us live. Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 5:14-16. God uses the purpose of brokenness—the molding, chiseling, pruning, shattering and sanding away in our lives until we willingly surrender to His will, to His ways, and to His direction in every area of our lives. Moses is a prime example of this process of brokenness.

I. OUR BROKENNESS LEADS TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY!

When we learn of God's will we often try to do it in our timing and in our way: that will never work! Exodus 2:11-15. Because Moses tried to do God's will in his own timing and in his own way he spent forty years in the back side of a desert learning not to run ahead of the Lord. Exodus 3:1-4. Moses was being made like his Lord and learning to wait on the Lord: John 5:19-20. For spiritual maturity to take place there must be change, growth, and brokenness. The Lord did plan to use Moses to deliver the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt: Acts 7:23-29. Moses was to be used by God to establish a nation of priests who would take God's message of salvation to the world. Moses helped form the nation from whom the Messiah would come. Moses was raised in Pharaoh's house. Acts 7:20-22. Moses had great natural abilities and a great education; he had to be brought to brokenness and total dependence on God. Isaiah 55:8-9. Spiritual maturity is when I come to the end of myself life and total dependence on God for every area of my life. But before God could use Moses for a great work; Moses had to change, grow, and be broken. God will use exactly the same principle in our lives before will use us for His glory. 2 Timothy 2:19-21; Ephesians 2:8-10; John 17:4; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Galatians 2:20; Zechariah 4:6; Romans 12:1-2; Luke 22:39-44; Romans 8:16-18; Hebrews 12:11.

II. OUR BROKENNESS LEADS TO SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY!

Perhaps your calling seems small to you: Psalm 127:1; Malachi 2:13-16. Our Lord's mother, Mary was just a house wife: Moses' mother was just a house wife, but how key to God's plan for mankind! No calling of God is more important than another calling! Colossians 3:22-25. Moses could never have done his ministry for the Lord had not his mother, Jacobed done hers for the glory of the Lord: Exodus 19:5-9. It took Moses forty years to learn he could not do God's work in his own way: Mark 10:27; John 14:15, 21.

III. BROKENNESS LEADS TO SACRIFICIAL MINISTRY!

Moses could not do his own thing in his own time and be used by God. Moses could not seek his own glory and be used by God. 1 Corinthians 1:28-31. What would God do through your life if you would let go of your self-life and begin with all your heart to seek His will for your life?

