

The fruit of a believing heart Pt 2 In weakness we bear fruit of God's strength in our heart

In our previous study on the fruit of a person's heart we established (1) Salvation occurs when we believe in our heart the Lord Jesus, (2) After we believe we are sealed with the Holy Spirit in our hearts, (3) After we believe the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.. In this study we establish two points – 1. We can feel weak, faint, troubled, broken, anguish and disquietness of heart, and (2) For a believer God strengthens, brings us out of distress, heals, comforts, and is near to the broken hearted.

Our two points established from the scriptures –

1. We can feel weak, faint, troubled, broken, anguish and disquietness of heart. Detail below, we can feel–

* weak in heart – (Ez.16: 30, fearful in heart – Is.35: 4, fainthearted – Deut.20: 8. See also Is.1: 5, troubled in heart – 2 Kgs.6: 11, broken and wounded in heart – Ps.69: 20, c.f – Ps.109: 22, reproach can cause a broken heart and heaviness – Ps.69: 20., anguish of heart – 2 Cor.2: 4, and disquietness of heart – Ps.38: 8.

2. But the heart of a child of God can bear the fruit of His healing, His comfort, and strength.

* God strengthens us when He is the strength of our heart – Ps.73: 26, God brings us out of our distress – Ps.25: 17, He heals – Ps.147: 3, He comforts – Ep. 6: 22. See also 2 Thes.2: 17, and He is near those who have a broken heart –Ps.34: 18.

Illustration

An unsaved heart that is hurt, broken, or troubled can often never recover, and the person can suffer diseases like cancer and pass away with the emotional scares. Hence their heart bears the fruit of their hurt, brokenness and trouble, with their only recognised medical solution being pharmaceutical products with severe effects.

Question to think about.

- i) What can cause the heart of a believer to be sad?
- ii) When does God strengthen our heart?

Answer from the scriptures

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* When we wait on Him – Ps.27: 14.

* When we are of good courage – Ps.31:24.

* When we are weak we are strong in Christ – 2 Cor.12:10)

* When we take bread – Ps.104: 15.

The fruit of a believing heart is never so profound when a person has been hurt, wounded in their heart or has been made weak in their heart, and comes out the other end – healed. As the healing, comfort and strength their heart has received can **only** come from God. And as a believer who is “reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you” (1 Pet4: 14) so God is glorified in those who have come through such hurt and bear fruit of His healing!