

A BROKEN VESSEL

The Bible tells us in Mark 14:3 "...there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she **broke the vial** and pour it over His head." In John 12:3c it reveals to us that "...the **house was filled** with the fragrance of the perfume." The '**Costly Perfume**' was released because Mary broke the vial and the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. For every Born Again Christian that '**Costly Perfume**' is in your heart. There is only one way that the '**Costly Perfume**' can be release from our hearts. The vessel has to be broken! The Bible says that "**she broke the vial and poured it over His head.**" The problem that God has with us is that we don't want to be broken. The Word of God shows us the importance and the blessings of a "Broken Heart".

JESUS, A BROKEN VESSEL

Matthew 26:26 says, "While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, **He broke it** and gave it to the disciples, and said, "**Take, eat; this is My Body.**" Jesus was telling His disciples that the broken bread was a picture of Him going to the Cross and dying for the penalty of sin. Luke 23:33 says, "**When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.**" Today because of Jesus' body being broken at the Cross we can receive all the blessings that God has for us. This '**Costly Perfume**' that was released at the Cross of Calvary has filled the whole world with salvation, forgiveness of sin and all the blessings of God. All you have to do is recognize you are a sinner and in need of a Savior and believe that Jesus died for you on the Cross and you will be saved. Every Born again Christian who has this '**Costly Perfume**' in their hearts can go to the Cross daily and receive whatever you need in your walk with God. A fresh anointing, fresh fire, strength, miracle, healing, justification or whatever you need to walk in victory daily. When you go to your prayer closet, you are going to the Cross and it is there by faith you claim your benefits that you have in Christ. The "Broken Body" of Jesus has opened the door for us to receive all God has for us to live a Victorious Cristian Life.

JONAH, A BROKEN VESSEL

Jonah was a man of God who ran from his calling! Jonah had a big problem with "**Obedience**" and a major problem with a "**Running Spirit.**" Jonah was a runner like many Christians today. God gave



Jonah specific orders to go and preach to the wicked city of Nineveh. God was going to destroy the whole city! Jonah did not obey the voice of God and **“flees to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.”** (Jonah 1:3) We need to understand that Jonah had inside of his heart this **‘Costly Perfume’** that God wanted to release for the benefit of the whole city of Nineveh. But there was a big problem with Jonah’s heart! His heart was so hard (like flint) that God’s **‘Costly Perfume’** could not be release. God had to break Jonah’s heart and He already had a plan for him. God’s plan was to use a whale to swallow Jonah so that He could break his hard of stone. The Bible tells us that after the ‘Great Storm’ that became more violent that the sailors threw Jonah into the raging sea.

“So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.” (Jonah

1:15) God was now ready to break Jonah’s heart inside the belly of this big fish. Jonah 1:17 says, **“And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.”** It was now up to Jonah to respond to God’s dealings in his life and to allow God to break his stony heart. God wanted to destroy the spirit of disobedience and the running spirit in Jonah’s heart. God needed a broken vessel to go to Nineveh and preach His message of doom to the whole city. Jonah’s hard heart did not care for the lost souls in Nineveh. But God’s heart of compassion, love, kindness, and mercy did. 2Peter 3:9 says, **“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”** In order for God’s **‘Costly Perfume’** to be release, God had to break Jonah’s heart. Many pastors, church leaders, and Christians will be swallow by a big fish because they have hearts of stone. It is only in the belly of the whale that God will be able to break them so they can also be a vessel of honor in His hand. In the ‘Belly of the Whale’ principle it is only God, the whale and you! **God, the whale and Jonah!** It is in the ‘Belly of the Whale’ that Jesus will be able to remove from you the quitting spirit, the disobedient spirit, your heart of stone, your bitter heart, pride, unforgiving spirit and whatever He has to remove far away from you. A prayer less Christian will become a praying Christian in the ‘Belly of the Whale.’ It was in the stomach of the whale that Jonah goes back to his prayer closet. Jonah 2:1 says, **“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish.”** God has ways to get you back to your prayer closet, so that you can start praying again. It took Jesus three days to break Jonah’s heart! How long is it going to take God to break your heart? Jonah responded to God and this is why it took three days but how long has God been dealing with you? After Jonah is broken by God and repents of his sins the whale vomits him on dry land. Right on the shores of Nineveh! Jonah is very ‘Obedient’ to God now and is no longer running from his calling. Jonah 3:1a says, **“So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord.”** He was now a ‘Broken Vessel’ obeying the voice of God that was releasing the **‘Costly Perfume’** to a lost city that needed Jesus in their heart. The **‘Costly Perfume’** that was flowing out of Jonah’s heart with authority and power filled



the whole city of Nineveh. The whole city of Nineveh was convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit and believed the message preached by Jonah. **“Then the people of Nineveh believed God.”** (Jonah 3:5) The power of the Holy Ghost was flowing like ‘rivers of living water’ from a

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Jonah 3:1a

broken vessel name Jonah. I believe that if Jonah would have gone to Nineveh and preach to that city with a **‘HARD HEART’**, no one would have responded to his message that was full of condemnation and self-righteousness. All of those lost souls in the wicked city of Nineveh would have been destroyed by God’s judgment. Why? Because Jonah would not be preaching with God’s love, His mercy, His kindness and His forgiveness. God needed a broken vessel that would flow with His power, His love, His gentleness, and His heart to forgive a repentant heart. Jonah 3:10 says, **“When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked ways, then God relented concerning the calamity**

which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.” Salvation, mercy, and forgiveness of sin came to an entire city because of a broken vessel that was releasing God’s **‘Costly Perfume’**. God desires to use greatly ‘Broken Vessels’. In order for you to be a broken vessel that is useful in the hand of God, you must first allow God to break you. Jesus is our example of the blessings of a broken vessel. His painful death on the Cross has filled the whole world with this **‘Costly Perfume.’** All the blessings of God are yours if you believe in what Jesus has done for you on the Cross. The Bible says, “Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, **He broke it** and gave it to the disciples, and said, **“Take, eat; this is My Body.** In other words, Jesus is saying, “if you want Me to use you in a great and mighty way, then just like My Body is broken for you; allow Me to break you so My **‘Costly Perfume’** can be released from you. **“Take, eat”** means you will not run away from God’s brokenness. God will use a broken vessel in a powerful way in these last days we are living in. Broken vessels are able to release the **‘Costly Perfume’** from within their hearts and will be a blessing for lost souls, backsliders, dead Christians and even spiritual Christians. Don’t forget the power of these scriptures. **“...and she broke the vial and poured it over His Head’** (Mark 14:3) and **“...the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”** John 12:3c

God wants to use every Christian but He can only use you greatly if you allow Him to break you greatly. A “Broken Vessel” in His Hand is a powerful weapon of war that He uses to destroy the works of the devil. It is up to you to allow God to break you or if you resist, He will appoint a Big Fish to swallow you, especially if you are called to the ministry like Jonah.