

Prayer

**Andrew and
Norine Brunson**
and their children

His trial begins
tomorrow in
Turkey

(which is 10:00pm
tonight our time)



Heart Condition

PSALM 51:17

*“The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit; a broken and contrite heart,
O God,
You will not despise.”*

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*The Scriptural
Analysis of Your Heart*

*Let's look at the verses
in
Psalm 51*

*Review of the
Insert:*

"The Heart God Revives"

Some evidences of a heart being transformed:

- > surprising silence (*conviction / contrite*)
- > a turning of the gaze from the *binoculars* to the *mirror* (*healthy introspection*)

Some evidences of a heart being transformed:

- > an awareness of the others in the room
- > "Not thinking less of yourself; but thinking of yourself ... less" [C. S. Lewis]

Some evidences of a heart being transformed:

- > Such an awareness of Jesus Christ in your life, that it leads to an *aching dependence* upon Him and an *ardent desire* for more of Him.

Some evidences of a heart being transformed:

- > A prayer life that goes from *petitions only* to something like PSALM 51 (our text today)
- [It is a prayer life that almost sees petitions as an interruption of worship, even though it is a necessary part of a prayer life]

Quote from Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Reflecting on *“Blessed are the pure in heart”*

***“Who are the pure in heart?
Those who are mourning about
the impurity of their heart.”***

Applying the text

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This week will you:

- 1) Honestly allow God to do spiritual heart surgery on you? Maybe even a heart transplant?
- 2) Be willing to let Him break you so that He can transform you?

*One more quote to help you be
transparent before God
so that you can be
transformed by God ...*

“Sometimes the very armor we wear to protect our emotions and cover our weaknesses becomes our prison that keeps us from living an abundant life with Christ and with others.”

(Oliver at City Lights Church)

A Gentle but Necessary Exhortation:

How will you know that you have
missed the point of this sermon,
and the message of Psalm 51 ?