

Our Humpty Dumpty World
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“Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.”

Perhaps you learned this gem from Mother Goose in childhood. It ably reflects the experience of mankind. Each one of us is like Humpty Dumpty and we have played our role in a great fall.

Created in the image of God and reflecting the moral attributes of his maker --- wisdom, goodness, justice, mercy, love and truth — man surveyed his kingdom and found it good. High on the wall, man stretched in his boastful search for more power and for knowledge that would not only include goodness but evil as well. As Douglas Groothuis put it, “Human pride was tickled and it jumped.”

Through disobedience to his great Lord and benefactor, man exchanged God’s plan for the independent boast that he could fashion his own destiny by his own standards and in his own strength. Personality that once mirrored God’s image became warped and twisted. It was a great fall.

This fall of Humpty Dumpty is a picture of our shattered, broken lives today. The fall is everywhere. The front page of every daily newspaper shows what is wrong with mankind. The problem is sin — universal as human nature, eternal as human history.

It is amazing how many expressions in the English language refer to this idea of wholeness and disintegration. “He just went to pieces.” “She certainly was broken up over that.” “Sometimes I feel I’m going to crack up.” “Pull yourself together.”

To be a whole integrated person in today’s neurotic society is certainly not easy to accomplish. We cannot put the human family together without outside help.

“All the king’s horses and all the king’s men, couldn’t put Humpty together again.” The king’s horses (representing tools and technology) and all the king’s men (representing the social sciences) could not find the glue to put Humpty Dumpty together again.

But what about the king? Why didn’t they turn to him? He alone is our hope and the answer to the problems of our world.

Isn’t it strange that our mixed up, messed up, disillusioned world looks every place for answers except to the one who created us?

One day, a little girl asked, “What does God do all day long?” And then she answered her own question. “Oh, I know! He mends broken things!” I like that answer and I believe it reveals the truth. God specializes in mending broken

things and I'm amazed by what he can do for broken hearts and dreams when given all the pieces.

We can exercise our power of choice and cry to him for help in our helplessness. Our requests will not fall on deaf ears. If only we are willing to return to Him in true repentance and faith. He who created us in the beginning is abundantly able and willing to re-create us.

"They cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distresses," (Psalm 107: 6).