

David's Sin Forgiven

Psalm 51

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There is a real danger to sin. There is a need for real confession of sin. There are real consequences for sin. Real confession is vital to walking with God. David's confession of sin was heart felt and mind engaged. As a backdrop to Psalm 51, read I John 1:7-2:2.

1. A. What happened to David's sin?
II Samuel 12:13

- B. What is David's reaction to forgiveness of sin?
Psalm 32:1-2, Romans 4:7-8

2. A. Psalm 51 is "A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba." How did David get the point of writing Psalm 51?
II Samuel 11:4, 14-15

- B. When a believer sins, either we will deny it, rationalize, and/or ignore it, or we will confess it. David had experience at both reactions.
Psalm 32:1-5

- C. What was the difference between David, the adulterer and murderer, and David, the broken hearted?
II Samuel 12:1, 9, 13

3. A. We are not saved from our sin by the depth or eloquence or thoroughness of our confession; we are saved from our sin because another died in our place. Note the simplicity of David's confession in II Samuel 12:13. What is real, true confession of sin? (In I John 1:9, the word confess is homologeo meaning of one mind; to speak the same, to agree.)
Psalm 51:1-5, I John 1:8-10

B. What does David cry for?
Psalm 51:1-2, Luke 18:13

What is it about God that David cries to?
Psalm 51:1-2, Luke 15:20-21

What did David ask for in Psalm 51:2?
Jeremiah 2:22

Who do we ultimately sin against?
Genesis 39:7-9, Psalm 51:4

4. A. What is sin called in Psalm 51:1-4? What else can you say about sin from these verses?

B. As a believer or unbeliever, is your sin “ever before” you? Is there any excuse for un-confessed sin?
Psalm 51:4, 17, Romans 3:4

5. A. Who are we by nature?
Genesis 4:7, Psalm 51:5, I Timothy 1:15

B. What is David’s plea?
Psalm 51:6-7

C. What does God desire and who provides it?
Psalm 51:6-7, 17, Isaiah 1:18, Hebrews 10:19-22, I John 1:7-2:2