

David's Sin Forgiven, Part 2

Psalm 51

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Summary: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwells no good thing." David knew this and prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Psalm 51 is a co-mingling of brokenness and joy. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." He said this on the eve of the cross.

1. A. Read the summary above and then read Psalm 51 and Matthew 5:1-4. What do these verses remind us to always keep in mind?

B. What is the gateway to joy for the believer?
Psalm 51:3-5, Matthew 5:3, John 1:29

C. Luther called Psalm 32, 51, 130, and 143 "Pauline" Psalms. Think how these words from the word of God have impacted men and women over time.
Psalm 32:1-2, 51:1-4, 130:1-3, 143:1-2, Romans 3:1-4, 4:4-8

2. A. What was David's confession of sin like when he was confronted with his sin? How simple is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
II Samuel 12:13, Romans 10:13

B. Psalm 51 allows us to take a closer look, zoom in, if you will, on David's heart and thus the heart of God. What have we already seen in Psalm 51? What is the heart of confession?
Psalm 51:1-5

What is David's plea in the next few verses? On what is this plea based?
Psalm 51:6-12, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 1:7, 2:13, Colossians 1:20, Hebrews 9:11-14, I Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 1:5

- C. What are the results of David's plea?
Psalm 51:8, 12, Romans 8:1

3. A. We were exhorted last week to keep short accounts with God, confessing our sins regularly. What is real confession like?
Psalm 51:1-14

B. The same sins may crop back up in your life repeatedly. It may be that, as you draw closer to Him, He reveals the depth of your sin more fully. What is David's plea?
Psalm 51:10, Romans 7:18-25

C. Salvation and sanctification is not God patching us up. What is it?
II Corinthians 5:17

4. A. Part of David's plea is Psalm 51:11. We need to pay attention to what this verse is saying and not saying.

1) There is a difference in the Holy Spirit's ministry in the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the New Testament we read, "that He may be with you forever."

John 7:37-39, 14:16-18, 16:7

2) In the Old Testament we read, "Now the Spirit of the LORD departed."

1 Samuel 16:11-14, Psalm 51:11

3) When the Holy Spirit indwells you, He will not leave you. When we sin and lie about it and get ourselves in the kind of mess that David was in, we will not experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in assuring us of our salvation.

Ephesians 4:30

- B. We are exhorted to not glibly regard sin as being covered by the blood of the lamb. Remember the Holy Spirit's ministry then and now.

Psalm 51:12, John 16:8-11, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

- C. In light of his confession and plea, what is David's resolve in Psalm 51:13? (One beggar telling another beggar where to find food)

What did David's joy in Psalm 51:12-13 lead to? Is it like this for you?

Psalm 51:14-15, Acts 4:29-31

What pleases God in Psalm 51:16-17?

Psalm 34:18, Matthew 5:3-4

*These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.
John 15:11*