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Course: A Survey of the Bible: Genesis to Revelation

Lesson: 21_6d PSALMS

Passage: Psalms 51

Penitential Psalms

- Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143
- “penitence” - “feeling or showing sorrow and regret for have done wrong; repentance of sins”.

Blessed Are the Forgiveness (Psalm 32:1-2)

- ★ “Blessed” is in the plural - this person is **abundantly** blessed by God.
- ★ God’s **readiness** to forgive:
 - ★ (1 John 1:8-9) **IF** we confess our sins we can be sure that God is faithful to His promises to forgive us and cleanse us!
 - ★ (Psalm 86:6) God is **READY** to **FORGIVE** and be abundantly merciful to those who call upon Him.
 - **HOW READY?**
 - Manasseh: (2 Chronicles 33:1-16)
 - Nineveh: Jonah 3:1-10
 - ★ God forgives for His name sake!! **MEDITATE!** (1 John 2:12; Isaiah 43:25)

What Is Repentance? -

- **ONLY** those who continually **REPENT** of their sins go to heaven. (Luke 13:1-5)
- Repentance is **EMPHASIZED** in the Gospel of the New Testament.
 - Mark 1:14-15
 - Luke 24:26-47
 - Matthew 9:13
 - Acts 2:38; 3:19
 - Acts 17:30-31
 - Acts 20:21
 - Acts 26:20



➤ 2 Peter 3:9

- Repentance is a forsaking sin (lawlessness) and turning to obedience to the *written* Word of God. Anything less is NOT REPENTANCE.

What Are the Elements of Biblical Repentance?

- ★ One MUST take the LAW of God seriously because sin is lawlessness. (1 John 3:4)
- ❶ A **continuous** examination of self. (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- ❷ **GODLY** sorrow - a **contrite heart**. (Isaiah 57:15; 66:2; Psalm 34:18; 51:15; 2 Corinthians 7:9-11)
- ❸ Continuous confession/acknowledgment of sin. (1 John 1:8-10; Psalm 32:5; 51:3; Jeremiah 3:13; 14:20)
 - A calling on the LORD without any guile/deceit/hypocrisy. (Psalm 32:2)
- ❹ Mortifying/put off sin and cleansing/purifying oneself. (1 Peter 2:1-2; Colossians 3:5-9; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:3)

PSALM 51

NOTE: In both Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 David does not address God as LORD!

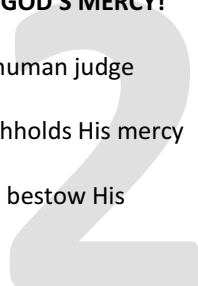
- ★ (Isaiah 59:2) Sin separates us from God. Sin hinders our relationship with God. Sin closes God's ears to our prayers. Sin denies us of God's blessings. (Proverbs 15:29; Jeremiah 5:25)

REMINDER: David's sin was presumptuous! According to the LAW there was no atonement for deliberate/presumptuous sins! (Number 15:30-31) - meditate on the "because" in verse 31.

HENCE: Psalm 51:16 - "For You do not desire/want/delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering."

Have Mercy Upon Me, O God (Psalm 51:1)

- **THE ONLY HOPE FOR A PRESUMPTUOUS SINNER IS GOD'S MERCY!**
- MERCY IS NOT FREE!
- God bestowing mercy on sinners is NOTHING like a human judge bestowing mercy on a criminal.
- God bestows His mercy on whom He wishes and withholds His mercy on whomever He wishes. (Romans 9:18)
- God's JUSTICE must FIRST be satisfied before He can bestow His mercy.



- (Luke 18:9-14) The Pharisee and the Tax Collector.
“God, **be merciful** to me the sinner.”

According to Your Abundance . . . (Psalm 51:1)

- Not according to ANYTHING but God’s lovingkindness (faithful love), the multitude (greatness) of your mercies (compassion), **BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS - REBELLION!**
- MEDITATE on PSALM 103:1-13.

The “WORK” of FORGIVENESS (Psalm 51:1-12)

- (v. 1) BLOT OUT. (Isaiah 43:25)
- (v. 2) WASH ME THOROUGHLY. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- (v. 2) CLEANSE ME. (See Psalm 19:12)

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS (REBELLION), AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.

(v. 3)

AGAINST YOU, YOU ONLY, HAVE I SINNED, AND DONE EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT.

(v. 4)

- (v. 7) PURGE ME.
- (v. 8) MAKE ME HEAR JOY and GLADNESS.
- (v. 9) HIDE YOUR FACE from MY SINS.
- (v. 9) BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITIES.
- (v. 10) CREATE in ME a CLEAN HEART (mind, will, emotions).
- (v. 10) RENEW in ME a STEADFAST SPIRIT.
- (v. 11) DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR PRESENCE.
- (v. 11) DO NOT TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. (See 1 Thess 5:19; Ephesians 4:30; 5:18; Galatians 5:16)
- (v. 12) RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION.
- (v. 12) UPHOLD ME by YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT. (Psalm 17:5; 19:13; 119:116-117, 133)

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