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PSALM 51: DAVID'S PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

THE PARABLE: THE RICH MAN SACRIFICES THE POOR MAN'S EWE LAMB

2 Samuel 12:1-10)

INTRODUCTION

David committed adultery with Uriah's wife Bathsheba and then arranged for his death.

Nathan, sent by God, told David a parable which convicted him of his sin.

Nathan to David: "You are the man!"

PSALM 51 DAVID, WREAKED WITH GUILT, REPENTS

Once convicted, David went to God for forgiveness.

This is the poignant cry of a stricken heart, now plaintive, now gladsome.

David's Confession Of His Sin (vv.1-12)

David takes responsibility for what he did: MY transgressions (vv.1,3); MY iniquity (vv.2,9); MY sin (vv.2,3)

David's sorrow was not for the consequences of his sin, but for the sin itself-as opposed to Esau for example, who "regretted" what he did. His is regret, David's repentance. (Earlier David's had been regret.)

David states that his sin is "against God." (v.4) Eg. Joseph (Genesis 39:9)

We are not born sinners, but rather having a sinful nature .(v.5)

As despondent as David is about his sin, it is clear that he knows that forgiveness is possible and goes to God for it. (vv.1,2,7,9) Forgiveness is an act of Divine grace.

David isn't just seeking forgiveness, he wants to be restored to the place he enjoyed before. (vv.8,11,12)

Forgiveness And Restoration Lead To Testimony (vv.13-17)

David “declares God’s praise, and sings of God’s righteousness” (vv.14,15)

The offering of praise that delights God is “a broken spirit and a contrite heart”. (v.17)

LIFE LESSONS

Guilt is good! God used Nathan to help David feel guilty. He uses the Holy Spirit to help us.

Spiritual maturity involves taking responsibility; not blaming others or circumstances

There is a huge difference between regret and repentance. Many regret what they have done; Christians are called to repentance.

Sin can be forgiven, but consequences remain.

Having confessed our sins, we need to appropriate God’s forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and move on to the joy of our salvation- renewed fellowship with God.