

## A pass through The Psalms: **Week 21: Psalm 51**

***This Psalm has a threefold emphasis:***

1. The first emphasis is on David's \_\_\_\_\_ of his sin and failure to obey God.
2. The second emphasis is on David's \_\_\_\_\_ for God to intervene.
3. The third emphasis is on David's \_\_\_\_\_ to turn his rebellion into revival!

### **#1 David's humble admittance of his sin and failure to obey God. Verses 2-5**

-In this section David repeatedly & emphatically \_\_\_\_\_ his sin to God.

- 8 times in 4 verses, in pairs of two, David confesses his sinfulness to God.
- David makes no attempt to hide, cover, compartmentalize or justify his sin. He \_\_\_\_\_ admits that he was wrong, very wrong.
- Twice over, again in a pair, he defends God's condemnation of his sin in Verse 4.
- David understands that his sin is against God & that God is right & just in calling him into account for it!
- David understood the truth behind Hebrews 4:13 & 1 John 1:8-10

#### **Application:**

1. When we have sinned and the Lord convicts us of it...we must \_\_\_\_\_ it to him. He already knows it, there is no point in denying the truth.
2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the habit of making excuses for our sin, or attempting to defend or justify our actions.
3. We must not blame God or accuse God of seeing things inaccurately when he convicts us. We must \_\_\_\_\_ that he is always correct, right and just.

### **#2 David's heavenly appeal for God to intervene. Verses 1-2, 7, 9, 11**

-In this section David \_\_\_\_\_ God to step into his situation and make everything right again.

-In this section David makes 10 requests (5 pairs in 5 verses) regarding what he needs God to do in relation to his \_\_\_\_\_ with sin.

- The 1st request is for God to \_\_\_\_\_ him & wash him from the stain of (**sanctify**)
- The 2nd request is for God to blot out or \_\_\_\_\_ his sin from the records. (**forgive, acquit**)
- The 3rd request is for God to not \_\_\_\_\_ him from the position of King and the ministry as mediator. (**cast me from, take your Spirit**)
- David was not asking that God would not remove his salvation or his Spirit from him in a saving way. The Spirit was 'poured out' in a 'limited way' in the Old Testament for service/ministry. (1 Sam 16:3)
- Saul was given the Spirit of God at the beginning of his kingship (1 Sam 10:10) and then was remove from him after his sin and failure to repent (1 Sam 16:14).

### Application:

1. Sin, no matter how small it may be, can never be taken care of **on our** \_\_\_\_\_. We need God to do something to make things right again.
2. We must realize that sin will always limit our effectiveness in ministry, and our ability to be a godly Dad, Mom, Husband or Wife...which is why we must ask God to deal with it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ that when we **confess** our sins; God will forgive us and **cleanse** us. He will not remove his salvation from a believer, indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who is a deposit of a guarantee. (No matter what the enemy tries to tell you).

### #3 David's holy ambition to turn his rebellion into revival! Verses 9, 10, 12-15

-In this section David identifies the \_\_\_\_\_ and seeks to turn it into God \_\_\_\_\_ action.

-In this section David will make 8 requests (4 pairs in 4 verses) **regarding what he needs God to do in relation to his ability to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

- David realizes that his sin was due in great part to the fact that he had lost something along the way...

- 1st, David says that he had lost **the joy of his salvation**. And he needs it restored if he is to have victory over sin and be obedient.

- 2nd, David says that his spirit or will (feeling/thinking/acting capacity) (*not Holy Spirit*) has **lost a willingness or desire to do what is right**.

- 3rd, David says that the weight of his sin (guilt, punishment) has been so heavy that it has **removed the motivation for doing right**.

-David is admitting that these things had been weak or damaged and they are affecting his ability to obey. And if he is going to succeed in the future **he needs God's grace to help him correct the problems**. Finally, David says that if these requests are granted by God...he will be able to minister again...

### Application:

1. We must realize that sin is always a \_\_\_\_\_ of something else over God. The root of sin is always finding more joy, pleasure & satisfaction in something other than God and his will & instruction etc.
2. When the 'joy of our salvation' is dwindling we will lack kindling for obedience. A lack of joy in God is the \_\_\_\_\_ to pursuing joy in other, sinful, things.
3. A lack of joy in God, sinful behavior and then unconfessed or unaddressed sin will always lead to a lack in ministry results. If we want to 'teach transgressors' and 'declare his praises' we must \_\_\_\_\_ with sin the way David does.

### Personal Notes: