
PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19

“David’s Sin: Confession, Repentance, Restoration”

Psalm 51
January 31st, 2019

Scripture Introduction:

- I. The Initiating Grace of God (Psalm 51 *Title*; 2 Samuel 11-12)
- His Word
 - It educates our conscience (Psalm 51:4b)
 - It draws us to Jesus (Psalm 19:7; Galatians 3:19-24)
 - Our Nathan’s (2 Samuel 12; Ecclesiastes 4:10; Galatians 6:1-2)

FOUR STEPS TO REPENTANCE:

- II. We Must Appeal to God’s Character (Psalm 51:1-2)
- Cultivate awareness of your sin
 - Appeal to God’s grace
 - Take away: God is not out for retribution. He is out for restoration
- III. We Must Make A Good Confession (Psalm 51: 3-6)
- Take Responsibility (v.3)
 - The offense of our sin (v.4a)
 - The source of our sin (v.5)
 - Cultivate a Godly Grief (2 Sam 12:11-13)
- IV. We Must Believe On The Grace of God (Psalm 51: 7-12; Psalm 32)
- Cleansing Grace (v.7)
 - Restorative Grace (vv.8-12)
 - The Joy Of Salvation (vv.8, 12)
 - The Pleasure of God’s Favor (v.9)
 - The Thoroughness of Renewal (vv.10-11)
 - The High Cost Of Grace
 - The Son of God (Luke 24:25-27; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27:46; Hebrews 9:19)
 - Take away: We must understand the cost of God’s Grace for it be transformative in our lives.
- V. Live In Response To Grace (Psalm 51:13-19)
- Preach (v.13)
 - Worship (vv.14-17)
 - Yearn (vv.18-19)

Discussion Questions

1. To what does David appeal when confessing his sin and asking for forgiveness? To what does he *not* appeal?
2. Where does David place the blame for his sin? Where does he *not* place the blame?
3. Why is the Gospel an untapped power in our lives until it is released in power through repentance?
4. Why do we normally pray for the “cleansing” grace of God and not His “restoring” grace?

Going Deeper

1. What is the motivation of David’s response to grace (vv. 13-19)? What is your typical motivation in following Jesus?
2. The point is often made that while David wrote Psalms such as this one, they are the words of Jesus through David. How does reading this Psalm as ‘from Jesus to us’ show us even more of his love and desire to give us grace?

