

BLOT OUT MINE TRANSGRESSIONS

PSALMS 51

Text: Psalms 51:1

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¹ Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Introduction:

This Psalm came about as a result of David's sin with Bathsheba. He committed adultery, then in a effort to cover that up, he committed murder. After a while, David was confronted about his sin by Nathan the prophet. It was only after his sins were made public that David chooses to repent. It was during this time of repentance and soul searching that David penned this Psalm. In these verses, he expresses the heartfelt need of a believer to be right with God.

Notice:

1. THE CAPACITY FOR SIN IN THE CHRISTIAN

A. Salvation saves the sinner, but does not take away his ability to sin.

Romans 6:14

¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

B. Sin cannot take away our salvation, but it does tear us down spiritually and emotionally.

Note not only the Capacity for Sin on the Christian but also:

2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN FOR THE CHRISTIAN

Psalms 51 was written after David had sinned with Bathsheba. He knew the consequences and he begins with a prayer and pleads for mercy.

We must remember that sin carries its own club.

Notice the consequences of sin

A. Sin Soils – David sought cleansing

Psalms 51:2

²Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

B. Sin Saturates – David’s sin was always on his mind

Psalms 51:3

³For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

C. Sin Stings – David hurt a lot of people

Psalms 51:4

⁴Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

David hurt a lot of people in his fall – Bathsheba and her husband, the baby; but ultimately his evil was against a Holy God.

David was broken because he had hurt God.

Illustration:

We see in this case the difference between a slave and a son.

The slave fears the Master's whip, but the son fears the Father's displeasure.

If you fear only the punishment of sin, you had better check your salvation.

A true Christian weeps not over the consequences of his actions, but he weeps because he has offended and disgraced his Heavenly Father!

When we sin, we are attacking the Father's right to be God in our lives.

D. Sin Saddens – David lost his joy

Psalms 51:8

⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Psalms 51:12

¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

If you are saved, sin will make you the most miserable person on the face of the earth.

You cannot live in a backslidden condition and expect to have happiness. Joy is the by-product of a right relationship with God!

True joy is not affected by circumstance or difficulty. It is, however, affected by sin. If true joy is missing in your life, it is because something has gotten between you and God!

E. Sin Sours – David had a wrong spirit

Psalms 51:10

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

2 Samuel 12:1-7

¹ And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. ² The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: ³ But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. ⁴ And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. ⁵ And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: ⁶ And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. ⁷

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

The backslider will be cantankerous, critical, sour and judgmental.

Note not only the Capacity for Sin in the Christian and the Consequences of Sin for the Christian but lastly:

3. THE COMEBACK FROM SIN FOR THE CHRISTIAN

Even though you can, or perhaps have, fallen into sin you can come back! How?

A. Have Confidence the God Still Loves You

He knew that even with all the sin he was guilty of, God still loved him.

No matter what you've done, or how far you've fallen, God still loves you and wants to be in a right relationship with you.

For great sin, there is great grace.

Romans 5:20

²⁰ Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

B. Confess Your Sins to God

David confessed his sins and God's right to judge.

Psalms 51:4

⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

God is not looking for excuses He is looking for honesty.

C. Allow God to Cleanse You

Psalms 51:7

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

When we allow God to cleanse us, great things take place.

The mountain of our guilt is removed, our condemnation is taken away, we are freed from the voice of the Accuser, our sin is buried in the grave of forgetfulness, He removes the penalty and pollution of

our sin, He restores our joy and receives us back into close fellowship with Himself.

Close:

We all can fall. When that happens we should pray as did David for God to