

35 Whiter Than Snow (Psalm 51) blanks
"After God's Own Heart" – Message #35

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WHITER THAN SNOW

2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51

Introduction: A Tale of Two Kings

- . King Saul – 1 Samuel 15:12-31
- . King David – 2 Samuel 11-12 (esp. 12:13)

I. Psalm 51: A Model of Confession and Repentance

Key Terms

- . Confession = to _____ with [God]
- . Repentance = change of _____ and _____ (turn around)

Literary Form: Psalm of Individual Lament

1. Introductory Cry to God
2. Lament/Complaint
3. Confession of Trust
4. Petition
5. Vow of Praise

A. Superscription: The occasion of the psalm (2 Samuel 11-12)

1. The character of the sin (Numbers 15:30)

- a. David broke _____ of the Ten Commandments
- b. He committed sins of "a high hand" – for which there was no _____

2 The impact of the cover-up

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a. Personally (Psalm 32:3-4): the agony of _____

b. Nationally (51:18-19): a _____ of dis-ease.

3. The nature of the confession: _____

B. Introductory Petition (1-2)

1. The Need for the Appeal: The Nature of Sin

a. Iniquity = perversion/depravity of _____ (moral corruption)

b. Sins = missing the _____ (failure to meet the requirements)

c. Transgressions = crossing a _____ (violation of the legal standard)

2. The Basis of Appeal: The _____ of God (Exodus 34:6-7; Luke 18:13; Peter 1:3)

a. Grace = Unmerited kindness from a _____ to an inferior

b. Loyal love = Commitment based on _____ - like marriage

c. Compassion = heartfelt response to the _____ of one in need - like a mother for an infant

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3. The Content of the Appeal: Be Merciful (Sin is a _____: I need _____)

a. Blot out my transgressions (Sin is a _____: I need to have it _____)

b. Wash away my iniquity (Sin is a _____: I need to be _____)

c. Cleanse me from my sin (Sin is a _____: I need to be _____)

C. The Lament (3-6) (See 2 Cor 7:10-11)

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1. The sinner's _____ of sin (3-4)
 - a. True confession = accepting _____
 - b. sin is ultimately against _____

2. The sinner's _____ of sinfulness (5-6)
 - a. From _____
 - b with knowledge of _____

D. The Petition (7-12)

1. _____ from ACTS of sin (7-9)
2. _____ from CONDITION of sinfulness (10-12)

E. The Vow of Praise (13-17)

1. _____ of praise (13-15)
2. Accompanying _____ of praise (16-17)

F. Petition for the Kingdom (18-19)

II. Some Results of Confession and Repentance

- . Pardon = release from the penalty of _____ (2 Sam 12:13)
- . Restoration of Relationship . the _____ of my salvation (vss. 8, 12; Psalm 32)
- . A Clean _____ . "whiter than snow" (vs. 7; see Isaiah 1:18)
- . Instruction of (other) _____ (Psalm 51)
- . worship inspired by deep _____ (vss. 14-17; Psalm 32; see Luke 7:36-50)
- . _____ of God's Kingdom (2 Sam. 12:24-25; Matthew 1:6b)

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. Display of God's _____

III. Reasons why people do not experience healing from the guilt of sin:

A. We do not understand the _____ of sin. I must agree that sin is very serious and demands judgment.

B. We try to avoid _____ for sin. I must agree that I am responsible and I deserve judgment.

C. We do not comprehend the _____ of God's provision for our sin (Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 4:6-8; Luke 7:36-50; John 3:16; 1 Peter 2:24-25; Hebrews 10:15-25; 1 John 1:9). I must agree that God's provision for sin is sufficient to restore me.

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