

A BROKEN spirit and CONTRITE Heart ~ Psalm 51

→ Scripture Reading Psalm 51:1-4, 8-10, 16-17

INTRODUCTION

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2 Samuel 12:7-8, 11 (NLT) Then Nathan said to David, **You are that man!** The LORD, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. ¹¹ This is what the LORD says: Because of what you have done, **I will cause your own household to rebel against you.**

Full Honest ADMISSION of GUILT ~ Psalm 51:1-6

→ *For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my **transgressions**. ² Wash away all my **iniquity** and cleanse me from my **sin**.

Three words Describe FORGIVENESS

- BLOT OUT
- WASH AWAY
- CLEANSE me

Three words Describe SIN

- my TRANSGRESSIONS- willful Defiance of God
- my INIQUITY- deliberate Turning Away from God's path
- my SIN - purposely missing the target

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when you speak and justified when You judge.

⁴ Against You, especially You, I have sinned; I have DONE what is sinful in Your sight. So You are **JUST** when You **confront** me; You are **RIGHT** when You **condemn** me. (NET)

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely You desire truth in the inner parts; You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

IMPLICATIONS

→ We are either FOR or AGAINST God

⁴ **AGAINST** You, and You alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in Your sight... (NLT)

We Show That We Are...

- **FOR**- God by saying YES to Him as we OBEY
- **AGAINST**- God by saying NO to Him choosing DISOBEDIENCE

1 Samuel 15:22 (NLT) But Samuel replied, What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices OR your OBEDIENCE to His voice? Listen! OBEDIENCE is better than SACRIFICE, and SUBMISSION is better than offering the fat of rams.

Seeking FORGIVENESS and RESTORATION ~ Psalm 51:7-12

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be **clean**; wash me, and I will be **whiter than snow**. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide Your face from my sins and **blot out** all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

(NET) ¹² ...Sustain me by giving me the DESIRE to OBEY.

IMPLICATIONS

→The DESIRE to OBEY comes From God

¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and **MAKE ME willing to obey You**. (NLT)

¹² ...Sustain me by **GIVING me the DESIRE to OBEY**. (NET)

Sacrifices that PLEASE God ~ Psalm 51:13-19

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You. ¹⁴ Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

¹⁸ In Your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight You; then bulls will be offered on Your altar.

TAKE AWAY ??

2 Samuel 12:10 (NIV) ...the sword will never depart from your house, because you **despised ME** and took the **wife of Uriah** the Hittite to **be your own**.

→God's MERCY and GRACE

We see that God **Loves the Unlovable** and **Forgives the Unforgivable**
That is what His **Mercy** and **Grace** are ALL about