

Finding Peace Through Praise



The Story of David and Psalm 51

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It is Well with My Soul

Biblical Example of Songs

- King David- Historically credited with writing about half of the 150 psalms in the Bible.
- Psalm- a sacred song or poem used in worship. Especially one of the biblical hymns collected in the book of Psalms.
 - Merriam-Webster Dictionary
- David wrote the psalms for a multitude of purposes.

Themes of David's Psalms

Sorrow:

Worship:

Praise:

Prayer:

Psalm 51

Background of Psalm 51

2 Samuel Chapter 11

-David's sin with Bathsheba

2 Samuel Chapter 12

-Nathan's rebuke and conviction of David

A Man after God's own Heart? How can it be?

1. David acknowledged his sin.
 - a. Psalm 51:4, "Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."
 - b. David understood the priority of who his in was against and the relationship he had with God.

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2. David repented

- a. Verse 3: "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me."
- b. He could have chosen to continue to attempt to hide his sin, instead he turns away from it.

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3. David asked for forgiveness

- a. Verses 1-2: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!"
- a. Verse 7: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- a. Verses 10-12: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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4. David pledges to use his renewed focus on God to teach others God's ways.
 - a. Verses 13-15: "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise."
 - b. David pledges action! To praise God in word and deed. To bring sinners back to the Lord.

Does David's redemption apply to us?

1. We are sinners and fall into the traps of the world, just like David.
2. We too need to acknowledge and repent of our sins.
3. We can ask for forgiveness!
4. We have the opportunity and obligation to tell others what God has done for us.

How can you be like David?

Are you going to answer the call?