

## PSALMS 51:1-5

TEXT: *Psalms 51:1-5:*

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

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

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

***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.***

***5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.***

This Psalm repays 1000-fold the one who carefully studies it. It sets forth the sure view of sin after God begins sledge hammering it with the Holy Ghost conviction. No one has a true and right insight until then. It sets forth the earnest, sincere soul wanting peace with God. This man says very hard things about sin in his own life. Let us tread softly into the house of mourning and hear with reverent sadness the confessions of a sinner.



A young minister asked an eminent Christian judge why we have largely lost the sense of sin. He replied, *“Because the world is losing its consciousness of God, and when this happens, people lose the fear of sin. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, and it is a wholesome preventative in the heart. Men fear to break the State and National laws because of the punishment involved. The same applies to God.”*

In **verse 51:1-2**, three words are used: **transgression, iniquity, and sin:**

***“Blot out my transgressions”:***

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**Iniquity** is perverseness of the heart. It means twisted, warped, crookedness of heart. To that heart, the plumb line is set, and at the instant the sinful soul feels its influence, a wrong attitude of contempt shows up.

The half-repentant sinner fixes his eyes of shame and humiliation when caught in his crimes concerning the attitude of his fellowman, or on the disgrace it may mean to him and to his kin. But the person who has got to the heart of the problem puts man and reputation aside, forgetting everyone but the Lord. The prodigal cried: "***I have sinned against Heaven and in thy sight***".



***Luke 15:21: And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.***

## MERCY

How this prayer of **Psalms 51:1** was answered, we shall see.

Pleading for mercy was the first thing David did. When the Lord passed by Moses, the first thing He proclaimed was:

***Exodus 34:6-7:***

***6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,***

***7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.***

Each of these words are found in the passage before us. As long as a person is blinded by sin, he thinks lightly of doing evil, but when the Holy Spirit drives home to the heart its awfulness, the conscience is awakened and the sinner prays like what we read in the recorded prayer of David.

Here is the TRUE reason for verse 4.

***Psalms 51:4: 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.***

We think more of the act of sin than its consequences. David pleads for — and appeals to — the mercy of God before he mentions his sins. Mercy means heart-pained, touched with the misery of another. His whole hope rests in the

multitude of ***“Thy tender mercies”***.

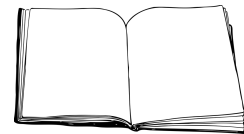
***Exodus 34:6: And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,***

Note the words — they are a cry for purity: *Blot out, wash me, cleanse*. He had in mind what God said to Moses in **Exodus** and **Isaiah**:

***Exodus 32:32-33:***

***32 Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book which Thou hast written.***

***33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My Book.***



***Isaiah 43:1-28:***

***1 But now thus saith the LORD Who created thee, O Jacob, and He Who formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine.***

***2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.***

***3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.***

***4 Since thou wast precious in My sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.***

***5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;***

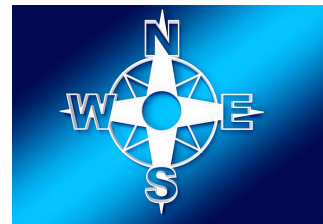
***6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring My sons from far, and My daughters from the ends of the earth;***

***7 Even every one that is called by My Name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.***

***8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.***

***9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.***

***10 Ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, and My servant whom I have***



**chosen: that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He: before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me.**

**11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no Saviour.**

**12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.**

**13 Yea, before the day was I am He; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand: I will work, and who shall let it?**

**14 Thus saith the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.**

**15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;**

**17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.**

**18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.**

**19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.**

**20 The beast of the field shall honour Me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen.**



**21 This people have I formed for Myself; they shall shew forth My praise.**

**22 But thou hast not called upon Me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of Me, O Israel.**

**23 Thou hast not brought Me the small cattle of thy Burnt Offerings; neither hast thou honoured Me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an Offering, nor wearied thee with incense.**

**24 Thou hast bought Me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled Me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made Me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied Me with thine iniquities.**

**25 I, even I, am He Who blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine Own sake, and will not remember thy sins.**

**26 Put Me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.**

**27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against Me.**

**28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the Sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.**

**Isaiah 44:22: I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee.**

Only God can give a clean heart and clean the record page:

**Numbers 5:23: And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water:**

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Although Adam and Eve were silent about God's judgment, Cain complains of its severity:



**Genesis 4:9-13:**

**9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?**

**10 And He said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground.**

**11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;**

**12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.**

**13 And Cain said unto the Lord, my punishment is greater than I can bear.**

Hezekiah accepted God's judgment as spoken through the prophet Isaiah.

**2 Kings 20:17-19:**

**17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.**

**18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.**



**19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the Word of the Lord which**

***thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?***

Eli resigned to His judgment which God revealed to the young prophet-in-training Samuel.

***1 Samuel 3:11-18:***

***11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.***

***12 In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end.***

***13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.***

***14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.***

***15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the House of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision.***

***16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I.***

***17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that He said unto thee.***

***18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let Him do what seemeth Him good.***



A true attitude of justifying God by repenting and turning to Christ is seen here in Luke.

***Luke 7:9: When Jesus heard these things, He marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed Him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.***

They believed and accepted the hard judgment message to the unrepentant, and they accepted God's offer of mercy and justification.

The wise penitent thief who was being crucified with Jesus said to the other

thief being crucified, “we indeed justly”, where a repentant sinner never falsely accuses God.

**Luke 23:39-43:**

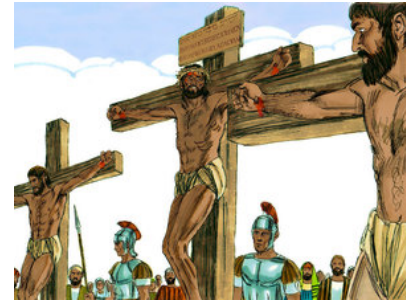
**39 And one of the malefactors [thieves] which were hanged railed on Him, saying if Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us.**

**40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?**

**41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this Man hath done nothing amiss.**

**42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.**

**43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.**



Hardened criminals and sinners curse their judges and prosecuting attorney. The repentant soul confesses frank acknowledgement of sin, and confesses meriting all God’s severe judgment. This is a scriptural pattern for every lost soul.

**Romans 3:26: To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

David asks God to renew a right spirit within him. A wrong spirit can get in and take possession of us when yielding to temptation.

**Psalms 51:10: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.**

He knew that God’s Spirit is incoming, and knew that the Spirit leaves when sin comes in. He must have had Saul or Samson in mind when he thus prayed:

**Psalms 51:11: Cast me not away from Thy Presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**1 Samuel 16:13: Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.**



Note this first teaching on castaways:

**Judges 16:1-31:**

**1 Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.**

**2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him.**

**3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron.**

**4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.**

**5 And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.**



**6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.**

**7 And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.**

**8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.**

**9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known.**



**10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.**

**11 And he said unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man.**

**12 Delilah therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And there were**



**liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.**

**13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.**



**14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.**

**15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.**

**16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death;**

**17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.**

**18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand.**

**19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.**



**20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.**

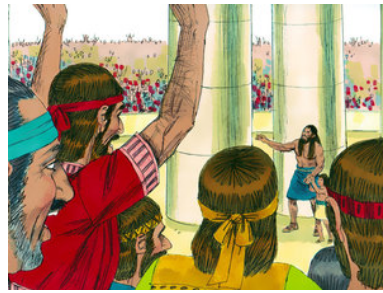
**21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of**

**brass; and he did grind in the prison house.**

**22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.**

**23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.**

**24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.**



**25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.**

**26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.**

**27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.**

**28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.**

**29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.**



**30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.**

**31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.**

David asks God to restore and uphold him because he is conscious of his weakness:

***Psalms 51:12: Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.***

The New Testament teaches the truth of liberty of the Spirit. Where the Spirit is Lord there is liberty!

***2 Corinthians 3:17: Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.***

***Psalms 51:7-10:***

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

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

***9 Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.***

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

Only you will decide what kind of a New Year this will be. Let's see: will it be a new leaf or a new life? reformation or salvation? regeneration by God's power, or damnation by the devil?

The determining factor which decides which one — the Lord or the devil — will have us, depends upon us. If we yield to sin, the devil is our master. If we sow to the Spirit and live for the Lord, we shall have the Lord as our master and eternal life through His grace.

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There is only one right way to begin this New Year, and that is with a clear conscience, a clean heart, and a consecration of our life to the service of the Lord and to all mankind.

Churches in general, and America as a whole, live constantly under bondage of condemnation and guilt because of sins not confessed and not repented of. Psychiatrists are having a field day with a steady stream of patients. Every honest one of them will tell you that the main cause of their increased business lies in secret grudges, resentment, sins not confessed, and guilty consciences with self-justified excuses for each which have brought no relief.



The Psalmist David, writer of our text, found that the sacrifices offered at and in

the Temple for cleansing from sin needed something added to bring peace. So he cries out:



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He needed the Lord to do something for him.

What will be the story of your life this coming year? Many of you never meant to discredit those who raised you and shared the family name with you. You never intended to go wrong, but you have. Why? What attracted you? Was it the pleasures of the world? Or just living to please yourself? Was it the wealth of the ungodly? Or was it the brilliant mind of the scorner of the Bible? Has it satisfied your heart? Are you happy over the record of your life for the last year? Do you wish it were a closed book, a forgotten record?

The Bible says: Everyone shall give an account of himself to God. Can moral corruptions and sneering at the righteous fulfill your deepest longings? No, oh, no! Depravity and living immorally is not the answer to the quest for happiness. If it were, skid row would be our eventual Heaven.

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For some of you, last year's record book had very little good and a lot of evil in it. Just to say, "*I don't drink, or cuss, or mess with sinful pleasures, and don't gamble, or let down the standard of righteousness before my children, and don't open shop or work on Sunday*" isn't much better than a reformed sinner. That is a good description of a corpse. All you have claimed could be claimed by a corpse. It just doesn't do anything either but lay still.



There are but two kinds of people in this world: the righteous and the unrighteous; those who are redeemed, and those who are slaves of sin and satan. The unrighteous are ungodly, and all one has to do to earn that title is to leave God



out of his life. That means a man may be the most moral, and yet be ungodly. A man may be religiously active in some lodge or charitable organization, but still ungodly. The godly man has trusting faith in the Lord to save, keep, satisfy, and lead him in the right direction to Heaven.

You can't head toward Heaven and Hell at the same time. There are certain traits and characteristics that the Heaven-bound person has that are very unlike those headed on the broad way to destruction.



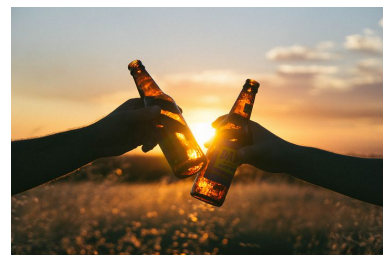
The joy and influence of the righteous man lasts. The influence of the sinner destroys much good, said Solomon:

***Ecclesiastes 9:18: Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.***

The man who leaves God out of his life lives a life of worthlessness that is misspent, and he shall never stand free from condemnation at the Judgment Day.

It is always easiest to take the way of least resistance, for the crowd is going that way. It is a broad way that leads to eternal destruction. The germs of spiritual normal disaster are highly contagious on the road to Hell. The ungodly are free with their advice — free to entice you to become infested with filthy habits. You are told that successful men use a certain brand, popular women are seen in so and so's place, or a girl who wants success must make this compromise; or that you must dress this way to be popular. On and on the counsel of the ungodly goes to help you on to the bondages of sin and to end this life as a lost soul. The advice is from the devil who — unknown to them — lives inside of them.

Thousands of the devil's songs seduce you with lustful and suggestive themes. Immoral and cheap motion pictures on television, on billboards, and in magazines stand to allure and persuade you. Hands seem to reach out at you from everywhere to attract your attention and captivate your mind. Everyone seems to say: *"Enjoy yourself! Don't let the gaiety of life pass you by. Come this way, there is lots of fun for you. Don't be sober-minded, shake off your worries on the dance floor."*



If you draw back on grounds of religious conviction, you are told there is no harm in these things. Or, how do you know that there is a future life beyond the grave? If there is a God, His is too loving and good to punish you. It can't be bad if it is a natural urge. Yes, we have all heard the devil's children with their soft and sweet talk.

Hell's evangelists are slick and subtle. The innocent, ignorant, and the lean in soul — starving for a good time — are their victims. It seems but yesterday we have known this child, praying at her mother's knee; today she is a calloused worldling passing through her third and fourth marriage and divorce court.

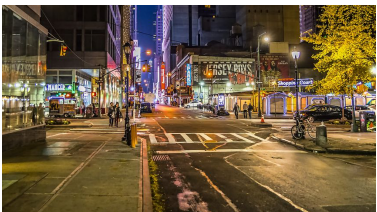


Also, teenage boys are so high-minded they think it is for weak minds to assemble in the House of the Lord. Many have fallen in these evil days and are passing their time away in a House of Correction, and are filling their minds with schemes of how they can beat the latest rap.

It doesn't take long for the devil to change your course once you give an itching ear to the advice of the wicked. Every noble intention you ever had the evil crowd will bring to a stalemate. Once you have started downward so fast, you find it ever so hard to go back again.

You finally come to the consciousness that you are a sinner. It's an awful shock to the soul to realize — for the first time — that you are an out-and-out sinner. That means you are an enemy to God, a moral rebel, and on the wrong side of conscience. That means you stand accused and condemned by the Bible — a fugitive from Christ's love. No one of any generation or station in life can say with pride "*I am a sinner*". I never met the man who intended to be one.

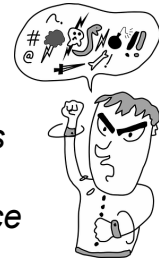
The first sin binds you — that first lie, that first bit of hatred, that first little stolen trinket which made you as much a sinner as a thousand more sins will ever make you. The road to Hell is so broad there is always room for one more sinner. It is a wide, broad road, and if you have not known it, it is a one-way street. There is no turning back. That is something the devil and sinners will never tell you.



Many of you have lost your reverence for the Bible and the Lord's Name. Once, you fixed boundaries beyond which you thought you would never go. But you have travelled a long way downward since then. You now believe there is nothing right, and that no one is truly saved from sin by any religion. You say

that every man and every woman has their price.

Your language is now vulgar, and that mind of yours is filled with filthy thoughts. You say *“religion is a cloak and everything about it is pretense”*. The only thing that counts to you is a quick dollar. *“What does it get for a man to try to be honest? Things have changed since mother’s day and age.”*



Yes I have heard many a poor, miserable soul say in the Rescue Missions that it was not what a man knows, but who he knows that counts. Once their face was smiles, but now they are hard and full of sneers. Many of you are reading this message without faith. Some of you have told me, *“I’ve made my bed, preacher and I will lie in it. No man can help me now. No force can redeem my soul. Save your breath, preacher, for I don’t have any feelings toward the Lord and living for Him”*.

Yes, you are a lost soul; your heart is full of the sludge of sin. You have yielded to temptation. Yes, that attitude of yours now is dog-eat-dog, and get yours without asking questions.

There is but one step left for you to take, and it is a long one. I have been by the bedside of those who made it into a black lost eternity. You choose to live this life without God, without a road map called God’s Word. A life lived without God is driven by passion, lust, selfishness, and taking many chances with no sense of direction.

Has God allowed you to stay with me in this message until now? Can you honestly say, *“Yes, all you have said is true. My life is only an empty shell of what it could have been had I walked with God”*? Friend, there is a different way to live. Death does end all hopes of getting right with God, but you are not dead yet, and thank God for that!

You can begin again, have a clean slate, a new and peaceful heart, and a clear conscience. It starts with a whole-hearted decision: I will repent of all my sins; I will turn to God through Christ. This can be the big moment of your life. The call of God is to you to turn to Him now. Will you do it?



The Lord Jesus will give you deliverance and power to become a member of the Family of God by your faith in receiving Him as your personal Saviour. ***“Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest”***, said our Blessed Lord.

***Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***

***John 6:37: All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.***

What have you got to lose except your sins and heartaches?

Now the world will lie to you. It will tell you the Christian life is dull, tasteless, and there is no variety. That is not so, for our God is a God of infinite variety. Look at His Creation. He made plenty of everything, and the Bible says; *He giveth us freely all things to enjoy.*

***1 Timothy 6:17: Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;***

You can have a worthwhile life instead of your strength and life being thrown into the garbage can for the devil. Folks can then say of you that they are glad you passed their way and told them of the Saviour's love, and of this wonderful life of heaven on earth to go to Heaven in. Or, will folks curse your memory? I'd like to have it said at my burial service that my life had been a blessing to others, and not a stumbling block or a cruel and heartless waste.



Would you like to live in this kind of life? Are you sick and tired of living for self? The scars of sin for having lived apart from God have left your soul empty and disgusted, and you feel like ending it all. You say, "*I can't live the Christian life. There is no power or ability in me left. I would fall before a week went by*".

God knows that, my friend, that's why He has sent a stream of spiritual help your way through His Son, His Word, His Church, His consecrated saints, and through the Holy Spirit.

There is more to being saved than signing a card or taking out a membership. No sir, my friend, don't sell Christianity short. It is more than sentiment. It is salvation, deliverance from sin, and none other can do it but our wonderful Lord. Trust in, rely on, and place your utmost confidence in Him, and He will save you now!

We cannot escape the fact that we must reckon with God at the Judgment Day.



There will be a reckoning. Each life must be accounted for by itself. God commanded everyone, everywhere to repent because He has appointed a day in which He will judge all men by Jesus Christ Whom He has sent. This message has been a flash warning to your soul to awaken it and to prepare you to meet you God.



The thing to do now is to kneel where you are and cry out to God to save you. This first voluntary step toward God is your initial step to a new life; the other steps will come freely and easily.

Receiving pardon through your receiving Christ as the Spirit of God into your life is called the New Birth. That is our loving God's provision for you.

I am glad God called me to bring this message of life and hope your way. Believe it, and receive Him as yours. Then write and let us know what the Lord has done in your life so that we may rejoice in the Lord with you. Better still, come to the Little Country Church. We would be so glad to know what the Lord has done for your soul. For to this end our life has been dedicated to the Lord, that we may help you find the Lord Who is precious to your soul, as others have. Twenty-three years ago some dear people brought this glorious Gospel my way for which I shall be eternally grateful.

Remember! ***“though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow”***. For the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin!

***Isaiah 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.***

***1 John 1:7-9:***

***7 But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

***8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us.***

***9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Remember our Text:

***Psalms 51:15: O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall***

***show forth Thy praise.***

It is a very sad thing that so many of God's children are dumb; yet it is true. Parents would think it a great calamity to have their children born dumb. They would mourn over it and weep, and well they might; but did you ever think of the many dumb children God has? The churches are full of them. They can talk about politics, sports, their neighbors, sinning church members, wealth, aches and pains, and science. They can speak well enough and fast enough about the fashions of the day; but they have no voice for the Son of God.

Dear friend, if Christ is your Saviour, confess Him. Every follower of Jesus should bear testimony for Him. How many opportunities each one has in society and in business to speak a word for Him! How many opportunities occur daily wherein every Christian might be instant in season and out of season in pleading for Jesus! In so doing we receive blessings for ourselves, and also become a means of blessings to others.

