Learning The Heart of God

From The Psalms
Prophets & Parables

Psalm 51

The Path of Restoration with God

God is a King whose heart desires to reconcile rather than exile His erring subjects.

"…David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. And he had written in the letter, saying, 'Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'" 2Sam. 11:14,15



"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer." Psalm 32:3-4



2 Sam 12: 10-14 “Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house… Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your companion, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun. …by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.“

The Path of Reconciliation with God

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"Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge…"

Vs 5 “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me…



I. Confession to God Vs 1-6

Vs 6 “Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.”

* God forgives sin, not excuses!

Prov. 28:13 “He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.”

II. Cleansing by God Vs 7-9

"Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

III. Creation of a new heart Vs 10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

"The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9



III. Creation of a new heart Vs 10-12

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit."



IV. Communication of a changed life to others

Vs 13-15

" Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners will be converted to You.
Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God,
the God of my salvation; Then my tongue
will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may
declare Your praise."

V. A Contrite & broken spirit God will not despise. Vs 16-19

"For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.” Matt. 11:29

“But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’“ James 4:6

V. A Contrite & broken spirit God will not despise. Vs 16-19

vs 18,19 “By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices, In burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.”

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