

Psalm 51: A Prayer for Forgiveness and Deliverance

David Acknowledges and Owns the Depths of His Self-Made Problems – II Samuel 11,12

- He has committed treason against the True King – Ps 51:1-4
 - ... “These were my choices... I was wrong! – Ps 51:1-4
 - ... “I have rebelled against You, God” – Ps 51:4; II Sam 11:27
- He experiences a godly sorrow – II Cor 7:10; Ps 51:17

David Confesses His Need and Requests Divine Intervention – Ps 51:5-10

- “De-Sin me!”
 - ... “Blot out, wash, cleanse, purify”... my sins – Ps 51:7 (“I need your mercy”.)
 - ... “Create, renew, restore, sustain”... my heart – Ps 51:10-12 (“I need a miracle”.)
- He appeals to the character of God – Ps 51:1
 - ... “I am fully dependent upon You!” – Ps 51:12-14

David Trusts in the Character of God and Receives His Atoning Provision – Ps 51:12

- God makes a righteous way for the humble and honest – Ps 51:16-17
 - ... Satisfies the Holy One and meets the need of the one who sins – Ro 3:23-26
 - ... We are forgiven and delivered only by our receptivity of God’s activity – Eph 2:8-9
- God’s righteous way is to provide an atoning sacrifice – Gen 3:21; Ro 6:23; Ps 49:7-8
 - ... Under the Old Covenant, in the form of sacrificial offerings – Lev 17:11; Ga 3:19
 - ... Under the New Covenant, in the person of Jesus Christ – Heb 10:14; 8:31
 - = He alone is the full and perfect atoning sacrifice for all sins and all sinners
 - I Jo 2:1-2; 4:10
 - = He alone settles the sin issue once and for all – Heb 9:12,26; Col 2:13; I Jo 1:9; Ps 51:7
 - = He alone provides the gift of His Indwelling Spirit – Eph 1:13; Heb 13:5; Ro 8:11; Ps 51:10-12
- The consequences of receiving God’s full and perfect provision: JOY! – Ps 51:12
 - ... The joy of a restored relationship – Ps 51:14
 - ... The joy of living life for others – Ps 51:13,15