



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

WHAT TO DO WHEN WE HAVE FAILED

PSALM 51

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1. Imitate _____
(vv. 1-12)

- Agree _____

- Fully _____

- Seek _____

- Anticipate _____

2. Humbly _____
(vv. 13-17)

3. Care _____
(vv. 18-19)

Psalm 51(ESV)

51 TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN NATHAN THE PROPHET WENT TO HIM, AFTER HE HAD GONE IN TO BATHSHEBA.

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward
being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret
heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your
righteousness.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I
would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will
not despise.
- 18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- 19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Psalm 51:3-4.** What are some ways you might be tempted to downplay the seriousness of your own sin? Identify any sins in your own life where you may make excuses for your sin or view it as “not that big of a deal”.
- Identify at least three verses/passages that highlight the forgiving nature of God. How do these passages encourage you to look to God for mercy and to anticipate the joy that comes along with forgiveness?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10-11.** If you are truly seeking inward change and a renewed spirit, what kind of attitudes and actions should you expect to see in your own life after you have confessed your sins?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21.** Both humility and boldness are required to make the kind of appeal described in this passage. How would you like to see more of each of these qualities in your evangelism?
- 5. Read Psalm 51:18-19.** How can the sin of an individual negatively affect a group? How can this thought make a difference in your own pursuit of sanctification?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Respectable Sins*. NavPress, 2007.

Gilbert, Greg. *What is the Gospel?* Crossway, 2010.

Lambert, Heath. *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*. Zondervan, 2013.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for his mercy shown through unearned forgiveness.
Pray that our congregation would model biblical confession.
Pray for opportunities to tell others about the beauty of confession and forgiveness.
Pray for our men to grow in humility through the teaching/fellowship at this upcoming men's event.
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
7/4	1 Chronicles 22, Psalm 30, 108, 109, 110	Acts 17
7/5	1 Chronicles 23, Psalm 131, 138	Acts 18:1-18
7/6	1 Chronicles 24, Psalm 139	1 Thessalonians 1
7/7	1 Chronicles 25, Psalm 143, 144, 145	1 Thessalonians 2
7/8	1 Chronicles 26, Psalm 111, 112, 113, 114, 115	1 Thessalonians 3
7/9	1 Chronicles 72, Psalm 116, 117, 118	1 Thessalonians 4