



## Our Daily Sin Psalm 51:1-12

### Review

- Our Father in heaven.
- Hallowed be Your name.
- Your Kingdom come.
- Your will be done.
- Give us this day our daily bread. **It's ok...God desires...for us to come to Him and ask!**

**“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**

### **Romans 6:23a** For the wages of sin is death

- Always, every time. The bill is always delivered. The debt comes due.
- **Sin creates a debt.**
- **And you can't pay.**

**Psalm 51:1-12** 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.

### The Backstory

- David has sinned greatly with Bathsheba. Not leading, laziness, has Uriah killed. Deception, adultery, lying, murder...
- Read **2 Samuel 12:1-15**

**Psalm 51:1-2** 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!

- A plea for mercy is an admission of guilt.
- When we sin, we appeal to God's love. His enduring love. His abundant mercy.
- It needs to be abundant. We are really bad! Our guilt is abundant!
  - You haven't committed adultery? Really? Jesus said if you have lusted after another person not your spouse, you have!
  - You've not murdered? Jesus says if you hate someone you have committed murder!
- **"The ground is level at the foot of the cross."** We always say this in regards to the grace we receive. And that is true. But it is ALSO TRUE that the great offense to God is the same at the foot of the cross.
- We--you, me, King David--are really bad, really guilty before God.
- He loves God...and this sin has damaged his relationship with His Father. Very aware of his sin **against God**.
- Non-believer--keeps you from relationship w/ God. You're not reconciled to God.
- Believer--breaks fellowship w/ God. The relationship is damaged.
- "Wash me"--an appeal for purity as well as pardon. Cleanse is the same verb used when talking about being cleaned from leprosy.
- "Take away the shame, Lord!" Take away the scarlet letter. Take away the stigma.

**Psalm 51:3-5** 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.

- Again the Psalmist understands--he sins first, primarily against God. Even if no one else knows, or cares.
  - This is why sexual sin...even "consensual" sex...is sin. God doesn't consent! Unforgiveness is sin. God's not ok. Taking something from work--not ok. Disrespecting parents--not ok.
  - Our sin is in opposition--an affront--a capital offense--against God.
  - David was miserable in his sin.
  - Sin is going to come out. Ever before me.
  - Sin won't let you rest. Joke about not sleeping well.
- God is justified to punish sin.  
**1 John 1:8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Pay attention!! We were born sinners.
- We choose to sin. You are completely guilty.
- **And we deserve the death penalty.**

**Psalm 51:6-9** 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.

- What do I need to know about my sin? What am I asking of God in my daily prayer?
  - God looks at my heart. The secret stuff. He knows all.
  - I need Him to teach me wisdom in my heart. Through His Word.
  - Purge me--painting the lamb's blood over the door.
- **Hebrews 9:22** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

- Clean me—same verb as being cleansed from leprosy.
- Wash me. Ceremonial washing from head to toe. David knows it starts with his heart.
- If I am washed by God, then I am clean indeed.
- Pleads for joy. There is no lasting joy in sin. Drug addicts say this. Sex addicts. Greedy people say this. Power hungry people say this. They are ultimately miserable.
  - It's not just that sin is wrong. It's also that it NEVER ultimately satisfies. It cannot. Was never meant to.
- Final appeal—"Don't look at my sin, God. Make it go away!"

**Psalm 51:10-12** 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.

- It's not just getting rid of the wrong stuff. It's adding the right stuff.
  - Danny Guiney—"Can't borrow your way out of debt." Quit getting further in debt!
  - I need a clean heart. My sin is a heart issue! I need my spirit to be renewed.
  - As believers, we don't lose the presence of the Holy Spirit. He resides in us!
  - I am restored. Do you remember the joy of your salvation? Don't you want that?
- Psalm 16:11** You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

### Summary

- In these 12 verses, David mentions his sin (iniquity, transgressions) 10 times. He gets it.
  - **Sin is ultimately willful transgression, rebellion against God.**
    - Some of you are miserable right now...because of your sin.
    - Some of you are in shame because of your sin.
    - Some of you are ineffective in witnessing, in evangelizing...because you never really confess sin. People either think you don't sin, so you won't understand. Or worse, they KNOW you sin and think you're a hypocrite.
    - I mean real confession. Not American, "I care too much" sinning.
  - Brokenness is good. Brokenness is good. Repeat after me, "Brokenness is good."
  - **Psalm 51:17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
  - God NEVER turns away those broken over their sin. He does not despise them. Ever.
  - You want to be lifted up, be exalted by God? Get low, real low.
  - You will never experience joy, peace, freedom, until you are one with God. And you cannot be one with God with unconfessed sin. The relationship is broken.
  - Will you be broken daily over your sin? What about now. When is the last time you confessed?
- Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.