



“A Man After The Devil’s Own Heart”

Psalm 51

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The Story Behind Psalm 51

- A. What’s the set-up to David’s great sin? Where is David at, when his troubles begin? (2 Samuel 11:1ff)
- B. He goes on his roof one night, and what happens?
- C. What sins does David go on to commit?
- D. Who is watching all of this? And what does he do?

3 Sections (And Lessons) From Psalm 51

Lesson 1 (vss.1-2): All our sin must be _____.

All our sin can be _____.

- A. How does God provide a way of escape for David?
- B. How often should I practice confession?
- C. Some thoughts on God’s forgiveness:

Lesson 2 (vss.3-12): I am sinful by _____.

The worst of my sin is in my _____.

- A. “My sin is ever before me.”
- B. “Against you, you only, have I sinned.”
- C. “In sin did my mother conceive me.”
- D. “Create in me a clean heart, O God.”

Lesson 3 (vss.13-19): Forgiveness means I am free from all sin’s _____, but not all sin’s _____.

A. While “all sin is sin”, still some sins are “greater” than others. What do we mean by this?

B. David’s sin illustrates the “Cycle Of Sin”:

Step One Of Sin = D_____. Temptation meets me at the point where my desires clash with God’s boundaries. I fight the desire to sin with discipline and obedience. Key word: *resist*.

Step Two Of Sin = D_____. The desire to sin presents itself to my mind with reasoned arguments. I fight the deceit of sin with a love for truth and for God. Key word: *reason*.

Step Three Of Sin = D_____. I disregard God’s boundaries and yield to the desire and deceit of sin. I fight the destructiveness of disobedience with repentance. Key word: *repent*.

Step Four Of Sin = D_____. I press on in doing what is right in my own eyes. I either change my view of God or forget him altogether. In doing so, my sin enslaves me and leads me to judgment. Key word: *recoil*.