

**Bible Stories You've Forgotten**  
**PSALM 51 – Healing of Sin (Part 2)**  
Fairlawn Lutheran Church – Chapel Bible Study  
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Prayer & Introductions

**1) Review**

- a. Arguing about Predestination
- b. Sin of Self-Deceit
- c. Sin as Leaven
- d. Healing of Sin (Part 1 & 2)

**2) Background**

1. Psalms written and assembled by several authors including King David.
2. Psalms, along with Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Job ... considered the "Wisdom" books of the Bible.
3. Hebrew Poetry [R.K. Harrison, p.965ff]: Does not rhyme... "Parallelism".

**3) Bible Readings:**

Psalm 51:1-19 (For the Director of Music. A Psalm of David after the Prophet Nathan came to him)  
2 Sam 11:1 thru 12:7 – David and Bathsheba (Play Audio 4:50-8:15)  
"Repentance": John the Bapt: Mt 3:1-2; Mk 1:4; Lk 3:2-3; also Pentecost Acts 2:36-38  
2 Cor 7:8-10 ... godly sorrow vs worldly sorrow  
Matt 15:18-19

**4) Contemporary Significance:** Tim Keller: *Healing of Sin (Part 1)*

- How should we deal with guilt? This Psalm is one of the best passages about dealing with guilt. It was written by David after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his adultery with Bathsheba. David and Bathsheba – guilt and repentance.
  - "You are the man." We all need Nathans in our life who will confront us about our sin.
  - David blew up his life and was plunged in to the greatest of depths and of hopelessness and despair. How could he go on? How could he rule and be king? He got out and he triumphed because he repented. How? He repented.
  - David blew up his life and yet he triumphed. How?
  - We have to see, confess, mourn and hate our sin. Repentance.
  - Ps 51:4 has all of the elements of repentance: "*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 judgement.*"
1. See our sin as God sees it [15:10] - "In thy sight" – Educate our conscience with the truth to understand the seriousness of our sin. To see it as God sees it.
    - There is no secular or scientific way deal with guilt. The World says "Follow your heart." – Taco Bell morality ... Every Disney movie ever made. But that's what serial killers do. Jesus says different (Mt 15:18-19). Christian morality comes from God and His Word. Not from inside ourselves or our hearts.
  2. Confess our sin [21:48] - "I have sinned and done what is evil...". We are able to do horrible things because we can find ways of justifying them and avoid responsibility. David says to his General Joab, "the sword devours one as well as another" after the plot that killed Uriah...he could have died anyway. Nathan says "You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites."
  3. Mourn our sin [28:00] – "You and You only have I sinned." I see that ultimately my sin is a sin against God. All sins are a rejection of the goodness of God first (idolatry). The sin underneath every other sin.

“Remorse” looks inward ... self-pity...gets you to hate yourself and God vs. “Repentance” ... looks outward to God...gets you to hate your sin (not self).

4. Hate our sin [33:40] – If we repent, we will change and won’t care about the consequences. We will hate our sin but not God our ourselves.

Jesus shows us the way to do this ... he didn’t seek glory or to elevate himself but stripped himself of his glory, took on human form and went willingly to the cross ... for us. It is through humbling ourselves and following him that we will reach the mountaintop.

## **“Healing of Sin - Part 2”**

The Story of David and Bathsheba 2 Sam 11-12 [Keller “Problem of Guilt” 3:00-14:00]

- No matter how much you blow up your life it can be repaired.
- If David is capable of this, do we think we’re not?

1. Cutting in all the way [Audio 8:08]

a.) “I have sinned in Thy sight” [– David insists on seeing sin as God sees it.

- If there is no ULTIMATE point of view (if all views are equally valid) then there is no way to deal with the problems and evils of life at all.

b.) Take Full Responsibility [12:41] – David gives no excuses for his behavior. V 1-2 “...my transgressions ... my iniquity ... my sin”. V 6-7 “Thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. [KJV]”

- David is saying “I sinned because I wanted to.” In my inward parts I wanted it. No blame shifting.

2. Cut it all the way out [16:40]

a.) David melts his heart down by taking it to the grace and covenant mercy of God.

- Ps 51:1 - according to your steadfast love ... God’s “chesed” [Heb] - permanent unbreakable love. David is appealing to God’s holiness and his promise to love us.
- The greatest “chesed” unfailing love is Jesus going to the cross.
- We sin because we have lost the joy of our salvation. We forget what Jesus has done for us.

b.) A completely changed life [28:05] – True repentance should change our lives.

- All of life is repentance. “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent’, he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.” – Luther’s 1<sup>st</sup> of 95 Theses [translated Lat-Ger-Eng]
- We should not dare to sin because it wrongs God. But we shouldn’t think that our sin can separate us from His love because he is bound to us through his promise.
- While our sins still have consequences (David still sinned after this) the ultimate price has been paid by Jesus death and resurrection.

Next Week: Blaise is Back