

MONDAY**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

- King David /Bathsheba / Uriah / Nathan confronts David
- Because David despised word of the Lord (means to break His commands) = 1 John 3:4, "Sin is lawlessness."
- God pronounced punishment
- David knew = sinned against Lord
- Sin = contrary / incompatible to God's government of love.
- Since sin violates His authority = all sin is ultimately against God
 - **Genesis 39:9** Joseph/Potiphar's wife How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

2 Samuel 12:13 And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. [Ps. 51.]

- Condensed story = between David recognizing his sin, and God putting away his sin Comes Psalm 51
- greatest Psalm of confession/ repentance/ conversion by God's grace 1 of 7 penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143).

Psalm 51 To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David When Nathan the Prophet Went to Him, After He Had Gone in to Bathsheba.

¹Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness;

- Heseb covenant word = grace plus so much more.
- 240 times = original Hebrew language of OT
 - Love / loving-kindness / mercy / grace / steadfastness
 - covenant faithfulness / loyalty = all integrated in its meaning.

According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

- from record book of sin accurately kept by God
- Forgiveness = God's extraordinary gift of grace
 - result of = "multitude of Your tender mercies"

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

- Thoroughly = multiple times / repeatedly

³For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

⁴Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

- David had tragically wronged Bathsheba/Uriah
- All sin against God

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

- David not conceived out of wedlock;
- his mother was chaste = [called Lord's handmaid]
- David = Born w/ fallen human nature = propensity toward sin

⁶Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

- Levitical law = only hyssop /cleanse from contact w/ corpse or from defilement of leprosy (spiritual death from leprosy of sin)
- David feels banned from God's presence = his uncleanness
- Wants to return to God's presence

⁸Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken [crushed by weight of sin's guilt] may rejoice. ⁹Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

- **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **Psalms 103:12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- **Micah 7:19** ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- two Hebrew words for create: yatzar / bārā'
- yatzar describes = human actions to generate / produce / or establish something from preexisting elements.
- bārā' = God's creative act in beginning of time = means to create something out of nothing = used in reference to God alone
- Word David used = Ps 51:10 for create = bārā'
- **Only God can create clean heart within us.**
- Nothing humans can do to accomplish this on our own.
- Our only chance is to submit to God's power to purify and sanctify our hearts—making us new creations.

2 Corinthians 5:17 if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- **Renew steadfast spirit** within me = one that consistently yields to HS leading

¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

¹⁶For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalm 32:1–5 ¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. [crushed under burden guilt] ⁴For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

ABSG King David pours out his heart before the Lord, asking for the forgiveness of sin during the spiritually darkest moments in his life. King David appeals to God to deal with him, not in accordance with what his sin deserves but in accordance with God's divine character, namely His mercy, faithfulness, and compassion

If God can forgive David for adultery, deception, and murder, what hope exists for you?