

***Repentance and Confession  
with God's Forgiveness  
for His Building***

Scripture Reading: Psa. 51

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**I. Psalm 51 was composed after David's great sin in murdering Uriah and robbing him of his wife and after David was rebuked by the prophet Nathan; Psalm 51 is David's psalm of repentance (2 Sam. 11:1—12:14):**

A. First, there were transgression and repentance plus forgiveness; after that, there was Solomon (12:24), the one who built God's temple.

B. Thus, God's forgiveness "married" David's transgression and repentance, and this marriage brought forth the man named Solomon, who built the temple of God; Solomon is a type of Christ and of those who experience Christ to be one with Him:

1. The name Solomon means "peaceful" (v. 24; 1 Chron. 22:9), but Solomon has another name, Jedidiah (2 Sam. 12:25), which means "beloved of the Lord."
2. Solomon built the temple of God in the kingdom (1 Kings 6:1-2) and spoke the word of wisdom (10:23-24; Matt. 12:42); today we can be one with Christ to prophesy by speaking Him forth as the word of wisdom for the building up of the church as the temple of God (1 Cor. 12:8; 14:4b; cf. 3:12a, 16-17).

C. The building up of God's temple, the church consummating in the New Jerusalem, comes from man's transgression and repentance plus God's forgiveness (Matt. 1:6; Psa. 51:18):

1. Confessing our sins in the divine light for God's forgiveness is the way to drink Christ as the living water for us to become the New Jerusalem (John 4:14-18; cf. Num. 21:16-18).
2. Confessing our sins in the divine light for

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God's forgiveness is the way to keep ourselves in the fellowship of life for our growth in life unto the maturity in life (1 John 1:2-3, 5-9; Acts 24:16).

3. Receiving the forgiveness of sins issues in our fearing God and loving God (Psa. 130:4; Luke 7:47-50).
4. Ministering Christ as the sin-dealing life to the saints kills the germs, destroys the problems, and maintains the oneness of the Spirit (John 8:1-11; 1 John 5:16; Rom. 2:4b; Lev. 10:17; Gal. 6:1; Psa. 51:13).

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**II. Like David, we need to stay in the presence of God to have a thorough and genuine repentance and confession to receive a full forgiveness from God (v. 2; Acts 24:16):**

A. The verbs used by David in Psalm 51—*blot out* (vv. 1, 9), *wash* (vv. 2, 7), *cleanse* (v. 2), and *purge* (v. 7)—indicate that his repentance and confession were thorough and that his asking for forgiveness were genuine.

B. Since the Lord knows the record of our sinful doings, it is best for us to ask Him to rid us of that record by confessing (1 John 1:9):

1. The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us all the time, continuously and constantly, from every sin (v. 7).
2. Once God forgives us, He erases our sins from His memory and remembers them no longer (Heb. 8:12; Psa. 103:12).

C. After such a thorough and fine confession, we will be filled with the Spirit essentially and economically to make us buoyant and bold in our God to speak the gospel of God (1 Thes. 2:2, 4; Acts 26:18).

**III. David confessed that he was born in sin, and he pleaded with God to blot out his transgressions, wash him thoroughly from his iniquity, cleanse him from his sin, and purge his sin with hyssop (Psa. 51:1-2, 5, 7, 9; cf. 1 John 1:8-10):**