

3 Call you to be broken Psalm 51 Penitential Ψ

"a broken + contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." ▶ St. Augustine dying

But Psalm 32, Christian = rejoicing in LORD, so rejoicing or broken? YES! Both

① Posture of Brokenness

☰☰ David confronted by Prophet Nathan

- ☑ Beggar in need of mercy vs. 1
- ☑ Owns transgressions, iniquity, sin; it is "ever before me" vs. 1-3
- ☑ His sin is treason against God vs. 4
- ☑ His mouth is shut at God's righteous judgment. No rationalizing, justifying, blameshifting. vs. 4 "bloodguiltiness" vs. 14

More... Stunning

- ☑ He admits he was conceived in sin/born a sinner Dead in sin YES! Bondage of Will YES! Total Depravity YES

Great temptation is to minimize, rationalize, justify...

But God delights in truth in the inward being

② Bold Prayer

- one request
in itself
is
stupendous!
1. Have mercy, vs. 1
 2. Blot out transgressions vs. 1 + 9
 3. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
cleansing me from my sin vs. 2
 4. Purge me w. hyssop... clean, wash me +
I will be whiter than snow, vs 7
 5. Hear joy + gladness; let the bones you have
broken rejoice, lit. "dance," vs 8 ► restoration
in community!
 6. Hide your face from my sin, vs. 9
 7. Create in me a clean heart, renew a
right spirit within me vs. 10
 8. Cast me not away from your presence...
take not your H.S. from me David
values relationship w. Θ!
 9. Restore to me the joy of your salvation +
uphold me w. a willing spirit, then "I will
teach transgressors your ways and sinners
will return to you." vs. 12-13
 10. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness... O God
of my salvation and my tongue will sing
aloud of your righteousness, open my lips
and my mouth will declare your praise, vs. 14-15
- Taken together
they are
unspeakable!
- Far more
massive +
great than
even depth
of sin!
- See they can
hardly fit
on one page!

Isn't this what you want? Utter truth-telling about yourself + unspeakable cleansing?

Christian? Saint? = Comes to God in this broken posture of sinner w. this stupendous prayer + hears

YES → yes you are a sinner, far worse than you know
→ yes you are forgiven, cleansed, washed

How? How David? How You?

- ☑ NOT religious performance vs. 16-17, brokenness = utter dependence on God!
- ☑ Not irreligious rejection of Holy God, instead necessity of sacrifice, blood, Cf 51:18-19

Romans 3:9-31

See how this Gospel creates broken + bold, i.e. beautiful people David, St. Augustine, You?

No one righteous 3:9-18
Every mouth stopped 3:19-20
Righteousness of Θ revealed 21ff
In divine forbearance Θ passed over sins of His people
Jesus made propitiation
God just + justifier blood of J
No boasting b/c saved by faith in Jesus