



LESSONS FROM A KING

about a truth we all need to hear:

You Can FAIL AND NOT BE A FAILURE

Psalm 32 and 51

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- All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.
- God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with Pastor Joe's commentary in the smaller faced text.
- Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. • Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com.

But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem; ⁵ because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite. - 1 Kings 15:4-5, NASB95

A. PSALM 51 - OUR CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

Insight:

1. This is the great confessional Psalm of David following his sin with Bathsheba.
2. He had been confronted by the Prophet Nathan one year after his sins.
3. He committed three sins: Adultery, Murder and Deception.
4. It is one of the so-called "7 Penitential Psalms" dealing with sorrow over sin.
5. In this "confession," he "repents" and expresses three major requests:

"Cleanse Me" (vv. 1-7)

Psalm 51:1-2, NASB95 - ¹ *Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.* ² *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin.*

"Restore Me" (vv. 8-12)

Psalm 51:10-12, NASB95 - ¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.* ¹¹ *Do not cast me away from Your presence And*

do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² *Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.*

"Use Me" (vv. 13-19)

Psalm 51:15-16, NASB95 - ¹⁵ *O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.* ¹⁶ *For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.*

B. PSALM 32 - GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

Insight:

1. This is Maschil Hymn—meaning, "it gives instructions to follow."
2. It too is a Penitential Hymn, declaring David's enormous sorrow over his sin.
3. This Psalm is used by our Jewish friends on the last day of "The Day of Atonement."
4. Our Catholic friends read this on Ash Wednesday.
5. Paul quoted vv. 1-2 in Romans 4:7-8 as part of his argument for salvation by grace alone—apart from the works of the law.
6. In Ps. 32, David shared four basic facts about sin and forgiveness that needs to be understood by every believer:

"The Blessing of Forgiveness" (vv. 1-2)

Psalm 32:1, NASB95 - ¹ *How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!*

"The Folley of Unrepentance" (vv. 3-4)

Psalm 32:3, NASB95 - ³ *When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.*

"The Way of Deliverance" (vv. 5-7)

Psalm 32:5, NASB95 - ⁵ *I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Sincerely confess your sins and God will forgive you.

"The Joy of Obedience" (vv. 8-11)

Psalm 32:11, NASB95 - ¹¹ *Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones* [This is a declaration in the Hebrew Text signifying God's work, not ours.]

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1. Everyone has a sin problem—all of us.
2. We must not cover up our sins any longer.
3. You can fail and not be a failure.
4. If we confess and repent, God will forgive and restore.
5. We must humbly receive God's forgiveness.
6. We must earnestly forgive ourselves.
7. We must carry on in the sweetness of sins forgiven.

OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION MUST BE:

"Father, forgive me, cleanse me, restore me, and use me."