

THE CLEANSING OF A CONSCIENCE [PSALM 51]

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“True Repentance Draws Upon...”

1. God’s Ability to _____ [v. 1]
2. God’s Ability to _____ [vv. 2-5]
3. God’s Ability to _____ [v. 6]
4. God’s Ability to _____ [v. 7]
5. God’s Ability to _____ [vv. 8-11]
6. God’s Ability to _____ [vv. 12-13]
7. God’s Ability to _____ [vv. 14-19]

Parallel Texts: Gen. 3:1-13; 1 Sam. 13:14; 16:14; 2 Sam. 11-12; Ps. 103:8-14; 130:3-4; Isa. 6:1-8; Ezek. 36:25-27; Matt. 5:29-30; Luke 22:31-32; Acts 13:22; Rom. 3:9-20; 7:7-25; 13:14; 2 Cor. 7:10; Heb. 9:22; 10:4; 1 John 1:5-10; 2:1-6

Study Questions:

1. Study 2 Corinthians 7:10. What is the difference between “godly grief” and “worldly grief”?
2. What do your prayers of confession sound like when you go before the Lord? Do they mirror some/much/all of what David prays here in Psalm 51?
3. Do you identify with any of David’s sentiments concerning his physical & emotional response to unconfessed sin [vv.7-12]? What does that look and/or feel like in your own heart and life?
4. What often keeps you from confessing your sin to God? What are some personal barriers to genuine repentance?
5. What are some of your favorite excuses for justified sin in your life? Are there any patterns in your life by which you tend to “make... provision for the flesh” [Rom. 13:14]?
6. In light of Matthew 5:29-30, what are some practical ways for us to take radical action towards dealing with sin in our lives?

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent,’ (Matt 4:17) he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” **Martin Luther**