

WOMEN IN THE WORD
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Lesson 8 – Truthfulness with God
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Introduction:

Truthfulness – the quality of being honest; not containing or telling any lies

Psalm 139:1-7 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

Honesty with God requires honesty with ourselves. “The person you lie to the most is you”!

Reasons for lack of honesty with ourselves/God:

David's Truthfulness with God when He is Justly Accused

Psalm 51 – A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11+12)

2 Samuel 11

Verses 1-5 - David loses intimacy with God

Verses 6-13 – The cover up

Verses 14 – 25 – The murder of Uriah the Hittite

Verses 26-27 - David marries Bathsheba/God is displeased

2 Samuel 12

Verses 1-6 – Nathan tells David a story

Verses 7-12 -Nathan accuses David and pronounces judgement

Verses 13-15 – David admits his sin

Verses 16 – 19 – David pleads with the Lord

Verses 20 – 23 – David worships – intimacy is restored

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me,^[a] O God,

according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy

blot out my transgressions. (cross a boundary)

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, (twistedness or perversion)

and cleanse me from my sin! (falling short, missing the mark)

³ For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words

and blameless in your judgment.

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, (Genesis 1:1)

and renew a right^[b] spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, (Cain)

and take not your Holy Spirit from me. (Saul)

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

David's Truthfulness with God when He is Unjustly Accused and Feels Forsaken

Psalm 35 (selected verses)

¹ Contend, O Lord with those who contend against me,
fight against those who fight against me!

⁴ Let them be put to shame and dishonor
who seek after my life!
Let them be turned back and disappointed
who devise evil against me!

⁵ Let them be like chaff before the wind,
with the angel of the LORD driving them away!

⁶ Let their way be dark and slippery,
with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!

⁷ For without cause they hid their net for me;
without cause they dug a pit for my life.^[b]

⁸ Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!
And let the net that he hid ensnare him;
let him fall into it—to his destruction!

¹² They repay me evil for good;
my soul is bereft.^[d]

¹⁷ How long, O Lord, will you look on?
Rescue me from their destruction,
my precious life from the lions!

²² You have seen, O LORD; be not silent!
O Lord, be not far from me!

²³ Awake and rouse yourself for my vindication,
for my cause, my God and my Lord!

²⁴ Vindicate me, O LORD, my God,
according to your righteousness,
and let them not rejoice over me!

Jesus' Truthfulness with God when He is Falsely Accused and Forsaken

Jesus asks that the cup be taken from him

Mark 14:33-36 ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."^[d] ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Jesus is Falsely Accused

Luke 23

⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him.

⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

2 Corinthians 5 ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Jesus is Forsaken

Jesus is forsaken by the people – Luke 23:18-23 – Crucify Him!

Jesus is forsaken by God - Mark 15 ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

November 16 – Chapter 16 – Love for God’s Word

November 23 – Off for Thanksgiving