

Rabbi's Reflections - Monday, April 13, 2026  
Shalom {{firstName}},

**Psalms**  
**Psalm 51:1,2(1a,b) – Part 1**

**Psalm 51:1 For the music director: a psalm of David, 2 when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he went to Bathsheba.**

“King David sinned!!!” That’s your headline. David was Israel’s second king. Saul, Israel’s first king, sinned too. Both of them were confronted with their sin by prophets. The prophet Samuel confronted Saul and the prophet Nathan confronted David. Their responses were strikingly different.

Saul responded to Samuel... **1Samuel 15:20 “But I did obey the voice of Adonai,” Saul tried to justify his actions to Samuel. “I went on the mission on which Adonai sent me, and brought back Agag the king of Amalek—and utterly destroyed the Amalekites.”** But that was not the mission of Adonai. King Saul then asked for forgiveness, but the Lord was unforgiving toward him because his repentance was insufficient.

Many years later, it happened that Nathan had to confront King David similarly, saying... **2Samuel 12:7a Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”** And David responded as a man who is broken... **2Samuel 12:13a Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against Adonai.”**

There is a key distinction here, that many sermons are missing these days. God requires “T’shu’vah” (Hebrew for “repentance”). You can come to God “just as you are,” but make no mistake, God expects change. Peter preached it on that first Shavuot (Pentecost) after the resurrection. **Acts 2:38 Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Messiah Yeshua for the removal of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh.**

But, the repentance/forgiveness continuum did not originate there. **Isaiah 44:22 I have blotted out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you.** “Return to me” is “Shu’vah Ay’li” meaning “repent to Me.”

You might wonder, “Does this even apply to me, after all I have Yeshua as my Savior?” Paul said this to the Greeks of Athens... **Acts**

**17:30 Although God overlooked the periods of ignorance, now He commands everyone everywhere to repent.** Receive it in the name of Yeshua. Shalom shalom.

Day 9 of the Omer

Daily Bread, reading plan by Lars Enarson (<https://www.thewatchman.org/>)

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13:24-13:39

Isa 44

Job 2

Jas 4

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