

Psalms: A Mirror to the Soul
“Real Repentance”
Psalm 51
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The background to Psalm 51, David’s sin with Bathsheba, is in 2 Samuel 11.

1. First: David was where he shouldn’t have been.
2. Second: Bathsheba was not totally innocent.
3. Third: David knew exactly what he was doing.
4. Fourth: David seeks to cover up his adultery.
5. Fifth: Uriah shows his faithfulness to his king and comrades.
6. Sixth: David compounds his sin.
7. Seventh: David completes his hypocrisy.
8. Eighth: Nathan confronts David with his sin.

The Three Marks of True Confession and Real Repentance

1. See _____ for what it is...
2. See _____ for who you are...
3. See _____ for who He is...

What true Repentance is not...

1. It is not just feeling sorrow for your actions, but a personal decision to turn from them.
2. It is not just accepting Christ as Savior, but placing our lives in his hands, in obedience to him as our Lord.
3. It is not just mental assent; it requires action or fruit demonstrating our repentance.

What true Repentance is...

1. It is heartfelt sorrow for sin.
2. It is a sincere commitment to forsake sin and walk in obedience to Christ.
3. The heart attitudes of faith and repentance begin at conversion, each day we need heartfelt repentance for sins we have committed.