

July 3, 2016

TIME OF REFLECTION

“The true sense of our sinfulness does not come from measuring the distance between our own conduct and the grandeur of the moral law. Oh no, it is only in the overwhelming presence of the Holy One Himself that we sinners know how utterly sinful we are.”

~Patrick H. Reardon, “Christ in the Psalms”

“A great sinner pardoned makes a great singer.”

~C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892), famed London preacher

“David sinned big and repented big, and the biblical text remembers him as a ‘man after God’s own heart.’”

~Derek Kidner (1913-2008), British New Testament Theologian

“Whoever is truly humbled — will not be easily angry, nor harsh or critical of others. He will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing that if there is a difference — it is grace alone which has made it! He knows that he has the seeds of every evil in his own heart. And under all trials and afflictions — he will look to the hand of the Lord, and lay his mouth in the dust, acknowledging that he suffers much less than his iniquities have deserved.”

~John Newton (1725-1807)

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “May Broken Bones Rejoice” – *Zach Albanese*

SERMON PASSAGES – *Psalms 51 (ESV)*

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

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| <p>¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.</p> <p>² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!</p> <p>³ For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.</p> <p>⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.</p> <p>⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.</p> <p>⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have broken rejoice.</p> <p>⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.</p> <p>¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.</p> <p>¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.</p> <p>¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.</p> | <p>¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
 and sinners will return to you.</p> <p>¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
 O God of my salvation,
 and my tongue will sing aloud of your
 righteousness.</p> <p>¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
 and my mouth will declare your praise.</p> <p>¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would
 give it;
 you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.</p> <p>¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
 a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will
 not despise.</p> <p>¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
 build up the walls of Jerusalem;</p> <p>¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
 in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
 then bulls will be offered on your altar.</p> |
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