

# ***Set Me Free That I Might Speak for You***

Psalms 51:13-19

## **Introduction:**

*“David was angry at himself, he had let his sin take him too far, and keep him too long. He had settled for life’s cheapest thrill, he had lowered himself to his most depraved side, he had given in to defaming his dearest friend. Some self-proclaimed Christians have never had anything to lose, but David lost that which gave his life meaning.”*

*“Talking about someone you love is an indication of the depth of your connection to them. They have become the intimate point of reference for life. Your North Star.”*

### **I. To be used, he wanted to satisfy the conditions of forgiveness. (V.13)**

*“What are you going to do if God forgives you, and releases you from your sin?”*

- ◆ Will you use His forgiveness to temporarily sooth your guilty conscious, so you’ll feel better?
- ◆ Will you add insult to injury and commit presumptuous sin, by which you will be saying “God has forgiven before He will forgive again, I’m going to enjoy my sin?”
- ◆ Or will you allow His forgiveness to bring humility to your heart and determine to use His forgiveness to convert others?

A. He wanted to be effective in coaching the weak.

**Psalms 51:13 *Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;***

*“Our world needs convincing witnesses, witnesses that are not eclipsed by a life that is being lived in sin.”*

B. He wanted to be effective in converting the wicked.

**Psalms 51:13 . . . *and sinners shall be converted unto thee.***

### **II. To be used, he wanted to experience the comfort of forgiveness. (V.14-15)**

*“To be forgiven is such sweetness that honey is tasteless in comparison with it.”*

**- C.H. Spurgeon**

- A. He wanted to experience the release from an uncomfortable conscience.

**Psalms 51:14 *Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation:***

- B. He wanted to experience the rejoicing of an uninhibited conscience.

**Psalms 51:14 . . . *and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. (V.15) O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.***

**III. To be used, he wanted the authentic communion of true forgiveness. (V.16-17)**

- A. He didn't want to give an insincere offering that would be rejected.

**Psalms 51:16 *For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.***

- B. He wanted to give an intentional offering that would be received.

**Psalms 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.***

*“The Lord removed the curse of their marriage and brought a child from their union.”*

*“Jedidiah, beloved by Jehovah, the name which, by the mouth of Nathan, the Lord gave to Solomon at his birth as a token of the divine favor symbolizing God's forgiveness of the wayward David. (2 Samuel 12:25).” -*

**Easton's Bible Dictionary**

*“As much as the dead infant was a symbol of the death and shame sin brings to life, Solomon became the symbol of the grace God gives in forgiveness.”*