

BEYOND REMORSE: HOW GOD USES SORROW



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John 3:19 NKJV

And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

2 Samuel 12:1-9 NKJV (1 of 4)

Then the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. ³ But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12:1-9 NKJV (2 of 4)

4 And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

5 So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

2 Samuel 12:1-9 ^{NKJV} (3 of 4)

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more!

2 Samuel 12:1-9 ^{NKJV} (4 of 4)

⁹ Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:13 NKJV

So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Psalm 51:1-13 NKJV (1 of 4)

A Prayer of Repentance

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

***Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.***

***² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.***

Psalm 51:1-13 ^{NKJV} (2 of 4)

*³ For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.*

*⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just [a]when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.*

*⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.*

*⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know
wisdom.*

Psalm 51:1-13 NKJV (3 of 4)

***7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

***8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.***

***9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.***

***10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.***

***11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.***

Psalm 51:1-13 NKJV (4 of 4)

***12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.***

***13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.***

2 Corinthians 7:9-10 NKJV

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Sorrow

1. Godly sorrow- focuses on how our sin hurts God and others. This sorrow moves us to true repentance, salvation, and freedom.
2. Worldly sorrow- only worries about getting caught, negative results or saving one's reputation. The heart does not change and mistakes continue to be made leaving the person in spiritual ruin.

Truth

Repentance frees us from the weight
of hidden guilt and shame.

Romans 3:23 NKJV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

1 John 1:8 NKJV

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.*

1 John 1:10 NKJV

If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1 John 1:9 NKJV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Proverbs 4:23-27 NKJV

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

²⁴ Put away from you a deceitful mouth,
And put perverse lips far from you.

²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead,
And your eyelids look right before you.

²⁶ Ponder the path of your feet,
And let all your ways be established.

²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left;
Remove your foot from evil.

Truth

We need to stop carrying
what God removed at the cross.

Quote

Satan takes what is good and makes it seem evil
and takes what is evil and makes it seem good.

2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV

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Matthew 4:17 NKJV

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Mark 1:14-15 NKJV

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Quote

True repentance includes a desire to change.

- D.W.

A doration
C onfession
T hanksgiving
S upplication



Truth

When we are genuinely saved,
repentance is something that precedes
and follows the act of salvation.

Benefits of Repentance

- we are transformed
 - our attitudes and actions are changed
 - strongholds are broken
 - generational patterns are broken
 - we are given a renewed spirit
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What is Repentance?

It is a change of mind...
that leads to a change of heart...
that leads to a change of action.

2 Corinthians 7:10 ^{NLT}

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.