

David Consecrated and Restored

Ps 51:10-18 Week 21

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart O God, you will not despise. 18 In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

1. Honesty and **genuine** repentance are the responsibility of man in returning to the pathway of God.

Several things should happen:

1. There will be a **change** in our actions so that what we allowed to be acceptable, no longer is.
Whatever draws us into the **flesh** must be put to death through **conviction** of the Spirit of God.
2. True repentance will bring about an open, **unguarded** admission of that sin. True repentance takes away all **deception**.
3. True repentance will bring a spirit of **brokenness** and humility.
 - There must be genuine **grief** for what we have done and a willingness to trust God's forgiveness and grace to allow us to make the changes God requires.
 - A contrite heart makes no **demands** and has no expectations, but is just grateful to be alive and forgiven.
4. True repentance is **accepting** God's forgiveness and reinstatement.
 - That is the greatest picture of God's **grace**.
 - I see this with a new **commitment** of myself to God.

David's commitment, I think, might look like this:

1. I will set my heart right and **prepare** my heart to know God.
2. I will be **faithful** to God from this day forward, **retooling** that faithfulness to honor God.
3. I will no longer **tempt** God with my selfish desires and appetites.

Psalm 78:18 And they tempted God in their hearts by asking for food according to their [selfish] desire and appetite.

4. I will rely on God when the obstacles and temptations of life are **overwhelming**.
5. I will allow God again to shepherd me and give me **discernment** that I so desperately need. (Shepherd means to feed, to guide and to **shield** me, from sin, my selfish desires, or my own self-importance.).

The life David would no longer denounce or desert.

- He would continue to proclaim God's Word. We call that **preaching**.
- David would continue to **pray**.

Several lessons David must have learned and can teach us.

- David was totally **guilty**.
- David learned the lesson of total **grace**.
- All God desires from us is a **broken heart** over our sins that causes us to seek Him and be willing to change.

Final Thoughts

- Be reconciled to God Himself, and then pray for others. "The prayers of the righteous avail much."
- Stay **focused** on what God is doing, not just in your life but the lives of others.
- Stay **confessed** up and willing to allow God to implement whatever change is needed.