

LIFE IS HARD ... BUT GOD IS GOOD

THE PSALM OF THE SINNER

Psalm 51:1-19 Jeff Schreve

Then David's anger burned against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die." Nathan then said to David, "You are the man!"
2 Samuel 12:6, 8

What do you do when "you are the man" who has sinned?

1. You remember who God is.

Be gracious to me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of your compassion blot out my transgressions.
Psalm 51:1

A. God is unfathomably gracious.

B. God is immeasurably loving.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. Psalm 103:11

C. God is greatly compassionate.

2. You own what you did.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:2-5

A. Do not minimize the evil of your actions.

B. Do not procrastinate on coming clean with God.

Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom. Psalm 51:6

1. Unconfessed sin will foul and fester.

2. Unconfessed sin will haunt your conscience.

3. Unconfessed sin will steal your joy, peace, and witness.

3. You claim the truth of Scripture.

For You, LORD, are good and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You. Psalm 86:5

A. God will forgive you when you repent.

*For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering. A broken and a contrite
heart, O God, You will not despise. Psalm 51:16-17*

*I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made
sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to
the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the
sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without
regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.
2 Corinthians 7:9-10*

B. God will restore you and use your life for His glory.

*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing
spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will
be converted to You. Psalm 51:12-13*

You can be forgiven and clean if you will do business with God.