

SUNDAY—APRIL 26

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2 Samuel 9-11; Luke 15:11-32

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Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51 is a prayer of repentance by David. He had given in to the lusts of his flesh. His sin was exposed by God to the prophet, and he had no choice but to confess. Although David had chosen to do wrong, he still loved God. Its hard to reconcile how our flesh can be the enemy of God, yet within the same body is a soul and spirit that longs to love and serve God. This battle is within all of us. When we have the wrong spirit, we tend to do the wrong things. David asked God to cleanse his heart so that he might have a right spirit. The fact that your spirit isn't right is usually an indication that your heart is dirty. Purpose to have a clean heart before God. It will help you maintain a right spirit.

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Psalm 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

When you sin against God, realize that there is a way back. But the path is designed by God. We don't come back our own way. That is what God us into trouble in the first place. We must come back God's way. The path begins with utter honesty. We must come clean before God. Admit your sin. Just be truthful. Don't try to make excuses or share the blame. Admit your sin before God. Also realize that when you sin, you have ultimately offended God. There may be others that have been hurt, but our chief concern is offending our Lord and Master. Being right with people is secondary to being right with God.

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

David had orchestrated deceptively and manipulatively and very sinful act. Between his immoral behavior with Bathsheba and the setting up of the death of Uriah, David saw his hypocrisy and cover-up. At this point, David was all about "appearance." But he knew better... To the people everything seemed normal. David appeared to be the same man that he always was. God has no pleasure in our "looking" spiritual. God desires more than anything that we maintain a "contrite" (broken, humble) before Him. God despises a façade. Using a ministerial platform, to glorify ourselves is not good. Be genuinely humble before God.

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