

People of Praise

BLESSINGS FROM THE PSALTER

PSALMS SERIES

True Brokenness

Psalm 51

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. There is a difference between being broken over sin and merely being sorry we got caught.
- B. People who try to cover their sin are not broken by it and will not find forgiveness.
- C. People who are truly broken over their sin come to God to find healing and forgiveness.

**When people are truly broken over their sin,
it shows in the way they respond.**

II. HOW DO TRULY BORKEN PEOPLE RESPOND WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THEIR SIN?

- A. People truly broken over their sin cry out to God for mercy.
(Psalm 51:1-2)
 - 1. Mercy is seeking what we know we don't deserve and couldn't earn.
 - 2. Mercy is what God gives when we acknowledge our sin and the punishment we justly deserve.
 - 3. God gives mercy without violating His justice.
(Titus 3:3-7)

- 4. People who are broken over their sin ask God for mercy and forgiveness just like David and the tax collector did.
(Psalm 51:1-2; Luke 18:9-14)

B. People truly broken over their sin make a true confession. *(Psalm 51:3-6)*

- 1. Confession is agreeing with God that our sin is wrong and our guilt is real.
- 2. David called his sin with Bathsheba what it was: transgression, iniquity, sin and evil.
- 3. People who confess their sin find forgiveness. *(1 John 1:5-9)*
- 4. God is looking for confession (admission of fault), not an apology (expression of regret).

C. People truly broken over their sin yearn to be clean. *(Psalm 51:7-19)*

- 1. True Christians cannot stand the stench of sin in their lives.
- 2. Unbelievers live in sin, but believers are to live in Christ.
(Ephesians 2:1-5; Romans 6:1-4)
- 3. David was confronted with the sin he was living in and he longed to be clean and right with God. *(Psalm 51:7-12)*
- 4. We can't lose the Holy Spirit or our salvation under the New Covenant, but sin still hurts our fellowship with God, our worship and service for Him. *(Hebrews 10:26-29)*
- 5. Which is why David prayed in Psalm 51:12-19.

III. CONCLUSION