

Slide Notes Sermon on Psalm 51, Part 2
Repentance and the Redemption of Purpose
Next Steps Sunday

Ps. 51.4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight

Ps. 51.9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Col 2: 13 God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling (= blotting out, wiping out) the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Ps. 51.11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1 Cor. 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? Acceptable. Accepted.

1. From Fear of Rejection to Real Purpose

Psalm 51:13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

Psalm 51:15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2. From Individual Repentance to Community Restoration

Psalm 51:18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; 19 then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Three options for understanding verses 18-19

1. David perceived broader consequences for his personal failures.
2. Israelites who lived after Jerusalem was sacked took David's personal prayer and made it their own.
3. The verses are part of the original Psalm, but the whole Psalm was written down much later.

Whichever option is best, one lesson seems clear. No personal spiritual action – negative or positive – remains simply private.