

PRAYING POWERFUL PRAYERS PART III
PSALM 51
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INTRODUCTION

- Today talking about one of the greatest psalms in the Bible. Also, one of the most painful - Psalm 51
- We all deal with regret. When we own our stuff God does amazing things to restore life to us.
- II Samuel 12:1-10 - Conviction always has to precede repentance.
- I John 1:9, "If we confess our sin He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

I. OWNING IT ALL

- Key to all David does is he owned it all; no excuses.
- Vss. 1-4 - "Be gracious to me according to your lovingkindness."
- Born out David knowing the word - Exodus 34:6-7
- It is the kindness of the Lord that leads us to repentance - Romans 2:4
- Vss. 1-3 - Three kinds of violations David names:
 1. Transgressions = pasha = rebellion
 2. Iniquity = avon = guilt or inward
 3. Sins = chata = to miss the mark, break the boundary with what God wants from you.
- II Samuel 12:13 - "I have sinned against the Lord."
- Romans 3:10-18, "There is no one righteous, not even one..."
- David asks for three things: Blot out, wipe out, wash out the stain from my soul.

II. GETTING IT RIGHT

- When we have sinned, we only get it right when we agree with God.
- He already knows. Don't bargain, just admit it.
- David does in vss. 6-12.
- Vs. 6 - We only get it right when we allow Him to shine deep inside us and bring out the truth.
- Vs. 7 – Literally, "cause my fault to disappear."
- Vss. 8-9 - "Tell me you forgive me and I will be filled with joy."
- Vss. 10-11 – "Create in me a clean heart O God...and renew a steadfast spirit within me..."

III. WHAT IS GOD REALLY AFTER?

- Vss. 12-13 - Promising God, "If you will rescue me I will do..."
- Give me a willing spirit...Help me cooperate with you...and then I will do your will...reach toward others.
- Repentance includes a commitment to live it out...daily...not go back.
- Vss. 14-15 - "The God of my salvation"
- Vss. 16-17 – What God is really after...broken hearts that chase after Him.
- II Corinthians 7:10, "Godly sorrow brings repentance..."

CLOSE

- Psalm 32:1-11 - David's response to God's healing forgiveness.
- John 3:17, "God did not send His Son to condemn the world but to save the world."