

WHAT DOES SIN DO?

Overcoming Sin & Temptation (2)
Psalm 51

I. Introduction

- A. We've already made clear that all have sinned and are in need of a Savior.
 - 1. But God has provided that Savior (His Son, Jesus the Christ).
 - 2. And He genuinely wants us to accept Him!
- B. Now, while we can attain forgiveness through Christ, this doesn't mean that it will not take serious efforts to break the habits, change the thoughts, and kill the character of the "old man" that we are to put to death when we follow after Christ (Rom. 6:9).
- C. Why is that? Well, let's answer that by looking at how deeply sin perverts us from what we are supposed to be through the words of David.

II. It Is Betraying God

- A. It is a betrayal of God before all others (Ps. 51:4).
- B. As we already learned, God wants us to be reconciled to Him. This, however, does not mean that the consequences of betraying Him will be taken away (2 Sam. 12:9-15).
- C. What sacrifice could David offer to atone for this egregious betrayal? (Ps. 51:16)

III. It Hardens The Heart

- A. The path forward will not be an easy one, as he caused much damage through his sin.
- B. Psalm 51:2, 7_ **Wash:** The idea is one of intense cleaning to get the impurity out (cf. Lev. 13:6, 34, 54-56).
 - 1. *"a primitive root; to trample, hence, to wash (properly, by stamping with the feet), whether literal (including the fulling process) or figurative: — fuller, wash(-ing)." (Strong's Dictionary)*
- C. We can't wash the impurity away, but God can (Jer. 2:22; 4:14).
- D. Psalm 51:2, 7_ **Cleanse:** The idea is to purge the sickness (cf. Lev. 14:7-9; 2 Ki. 5:10).
 - 1. *"a primitive root; properly, to be bright; i.e. (by implication) to be pure (physical sound, clear, unadulterated; Levitically, uncontaminated; morally, innocent or holy): — be (make, make self, pronounce) clean, cleanse (self), purge, purify(-ier, self)." (Strong's Dictionary)*

IV. Are We Willing To Go Through This Process?

- A. It will take time.
- B. It will be uncomfortable.
- C. It will take considerable effort on your part.
- D. If we aren't willing to go through any of these things, we will not overcome like David.

V. Conclusion

- A. Like David, we can make no sacrifice to atone for our sin against God.
- B. But God has offered the Sacrifice to atone for everyone's sin.
- C. David had faith God would do so, and he was rewarded for that faith.
 - 1. Though, David's faith was accompanied with a holy heart & holy actions.
 - 2. Are you willing to follow his example?

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