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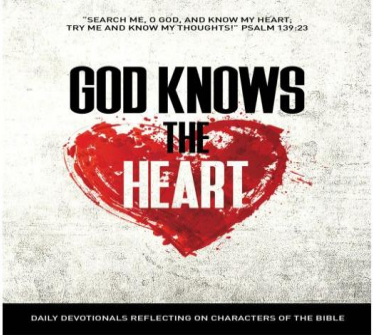


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- King Solomon anticipated the fate of the wayward.
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- Solomon acknowledges that the events in this life expose the human heart. (**1 Kings 8:37-38**)
- We often don't want to admit it but even devoted believers can drift.
- **Heb. 3:12-15; "Beware brethren..."**
- **James 5:19-20; "Brethren, if anyone among you wanders..."**
- **1 Cor. 10:12a; "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."**
- Wandering rarely looks like rebellion at first—it often looks like distraction, neglect, or slow compromise.
- A sheep doesn't run away dramatically—it grazes itself lost. That's why The Good Shepherd goes after it (**Luke 15**).



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- God knows the hearts of everyone. (1 Kings 8:37-40)
- God knows us! (Psalms 139:1-4)
- Psalm 44:21; “Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.”
- Romans 8:27; “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.”
- God disciplines His wayward child. Discipline is evidence of a relationship not estrangement.
- The Lord disciplines us out of love. (Heb. 12:3-11)
- Revelation 3:19; “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten, therefore be zealous and repent.”
- Romans 8:28—God intends to work good for those who love Him.



SIN IS AGAINST GOD

Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
You are right when you pass sentence
and blameless in your judgement.

-Psalm 51:4
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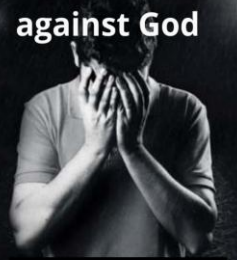


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- **Our sins are against God Himself.** (1 Kings 8:40-46a)
- To comprehend the magnitude of our sins we must understand that our sins are an affront to the Almighty God.
- **1 Sam. 2:25; “But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?”**
- We can sin against one another. (Matt, 5:23-26)
- **Isa, 59:2; “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.”**
- Who hasn't offended God with their sins? (Rom. 3:23)
- The wayward saint has ***“trampled the Son of God underfoot...”*** (Hebrews 10:26-31)

We will never know
the severity of our sin
until we see it as sin
against God

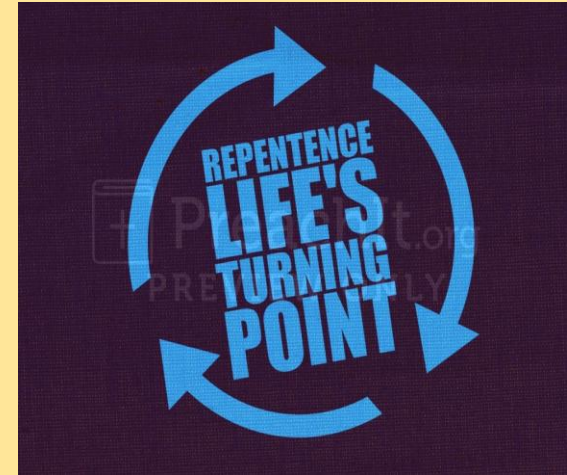


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- ❖ There must be a turning point: Repentance. (1 Kings 8:46-51)
- ❖ Even the prodigal son “*came to himself*”, and returned home! (Luke 15:17-24)
- ❖ God always provides a way home to Him!
- ❖ Restoration begins with honest self-recognition.
- ❖ **Acts 3:19**; Repent—be converted—times of refreshing.
- ❖ Confess our faults—**1 John 1:8-10**.
- ❖ Repentance is not just feeling bad—it is turning back toward God with the whole heart.
- ❖ God heals, God forgives, and God restores!



Jesus said; “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”—Matt. 11:28

- Hear the Gospel message—**Rom. 10:17.**
- Believe in Jesus as God’s Son—**Heb. 11:6.**
- Repent of your sins— **Acts 3:19.**
- Confess your faith in Jesus—**Rom. 10:10.**
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins—**Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.**
- Live faithfully for God.
Heb. 10:23; Rev. 2:10.

