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PSALM 51: REGRET... CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Being a Christian means being broken and contrite. Don't make the mistake of thinking you get beyond this in this life. It marks the life of God's happy children till they die. We are broken and contrite all the way home - unless sin gets the proud upper hand. Being broken and contrite is not against joy and praise and witness. It's the flavor of Christian joy and praise and witness.

A REVIEW OF THE EVENTS IN DAVID'S LIFE THAT LED UP TO PSALM 51. (2 SAMUEL 11)

The heading of the psalm goes like this: *"To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba."*

IT WAS SAID OF DAVID THAT HE WAS A MAN OF...

- Integrity!
- Connectedness!
- Joy!
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WHEN DAVID IS CRUSHED UNDER THE LOVE OF GOD, REALIZES WHAT HE HAS DONE, AND IS IN A POOL OF REGRET, HE WRITES PSALM 51:

- David admits his sin and pleads for God's mercy (vs. 1, 3)
- He cries out for cleansing and forgiveness (vs. 1, 2, 7, 9)
- He begs for more (vs. 10)
- David's clean heart leads to the return of joy (vs. 12)
- The joy of a restored heart spills over onto others (vs. 13)

HOW DO YOU RETURN TO INTEGRITY, CONNECTEDNESS, AND JOY?

Vs. 16-17: *"You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.