



Lesson #2: The Kind of People God Uses (Psalm 51)

Few passages in Scripture have found more use than Psalm 51. This is the Psalm of the Pure of Heart, a _____ song. The Psalm describes the occasion of King David's sin of adultery with Bathsheba, a dark moment in the life of the man "after God's own heart." At this point David was probably tempted to think, "God is done with me." But the message of Psalm 51 is clear: **Even the worst and vilest offender can be _____ and restored to a right _____ with God.** In this psalm (recorded one year after his sin with Bathsheba) David cries out to God.

David had sinned. He felt like a failure, and frankly that's exactly what he was. But David was still desperate to be used by God in spite of his dirty laundry. Psalm 51 is a song about _____ because it is a song about _____. God uses broken people to start revivals!

So what are the things that took place in the life of David that brought him back into right fellowship with God? How could this broken man be blessed again? In Psalm 51 we see three requirements for those who God will use.

GOD USES THOSE WHO ARE _____ FOR HIM

David recognized that he was in a position that was far away from God and he decided to do something about that. He was hungry for God.

- V. 1a – "Have _____ upon me, O God."
- V. 1b – "Blot out my transgressions."
- V. 2 – "_____ me from sin."
- V. 7a – "_____ me with hyssop."
- V. 7b – "Wash me."
- V. 8 – "Make me hear joy and gladness."
- V. 9 – "Blot out all my transgressions."
- V. 10 – "Create in me a _____ heart."
- V. 11 – "Cast me not away."
- V. 12 – "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

On and on that list goes. There are actually _____ desperate petitions out of the heart and mouth of David to God. David did not want to be what he was. He wanted to be changed. He was hungry for God.

GOD USES THOSE WHO ARE _____ BEFORE HIM

There are only two things you can do when you sin.

1. You can _____ your sin and be cleansed
2. You can _____ your sin and go deeper into it

David realized he was living the life of a hypocrite. As a king David would have served as judge for the kingdom. He would pronounce a person guilty and I wonder if he did that God would speak to his heart and say, "You are guilty too David!" David tells it like it is – "I have done evil in your sight."

If you want to be right with God, you must come _____. God will resist you when you resist him; but where there is humility and transparency there will be a tremendous difference.

GOD USES THOSE WHO ARE _____ BEFORE HIM

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O god, thou wilt not despise." (51:17)

David uses two words in verse 17 that each demonstrate humility before God.

1. "Broken" – That word means "to _____." It pictures a seed from a plant that is broken in the earth so that new life may spring forth from it.
2. "Contrite" – This word means "to _____." It's the picture of a balloon that collapses in on itself when a little pine whole is punched in it.

David pleads for forgiveness. He pleads for renewal. He is passionately committed to being changed by God.

Jonathan Edwards explained this verse in this way:

"All gracious affections [feelings, emotions] that are sweet [aroma] to Christ ... are _____ affections. A truly Christian love, either to God or men, is a humble brokenhearted love." (*Religious Affections* [New Haven: Yale University Press, 1959], pp. 339)

Concluding Thoughts

When you get hungry for God, you get honest with God, and you get humble before God; people start looking at your life and they start _____ what you have. Note what David says in verse 13.

"_____ will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." (51:13)

David is not content to just be forgiven. He is not content to be joyful in God by himself. He will not be content until his broken life serves the _____ of others.