

## A PRAYER FOR PARDON FROM PERSONAL SIN

Psalm 51:1–19

After the predictably horrible reign of Saul, God hand-picked David to succeed him as king of Israel (1 Samuel 13:14). And David loved God, worshipped God, served God, and represented God. By all earthly measurements, David was a *great* man. But, as 2 Samuel 11:1–12:12 demonstrates, even the greatest of people still sin, sometimes dramatically. No one—no matter how mature they are *in* the Lord, how knowledgeable they are *about* the Lord, or how useful they've been *to* the Lord—is immune to temptation, disobedience, and moral shipwreck. We may never steal someone's spouse or conspire to have someone killed as David did, but we all rebel against the God we claim to love. The question is, what do we do when we do? How should we respond to our own trespasses? How do we process our personal immorality and the accompanying guilt it brings before our God? Psalm 51 gives us a guide.

When We Sin ...

vv. 3–5, 8–11

... To Whom Do We Turn ...

vv. 1, 4, 6, 16–17

... And for What Do We Seek?

- Removal of guilt vv. 1d, 2, 7, 10
- Restoration of joy vv. 8, 12
- Rebuilding of fellowship vv. 9, 11
- Renewal of conviction vv. 10, 12
- Resolution to usefulness vv. 11, 13
- Return to right worship vv. 14–19

## **THE PSALMS: SONGS *FROM* GOD AND *TO* GOD**

Oakridge Bible Chapel

Winter/Spring 2024

January 7	A Psalm of Personal Lamentation (3:1–8)
January 14	A Psalm of Divine Protection (27:1–14)
January 21	A Psalm of Humble Thanksgiving (30:1–12)
January 28	A Psalm of Messianic Expectation (45:1–17)
February 4	A Psalm of Desperate Repentance (51:1–19)
February 18	A Psalm of Communal Restoration (85:1–13)
February 25	A Psalm of Celebratory Anticipation (96:1–13)
March 3	A Psalm of Messianic Instalment (110:1–7)
March 10	A Psalm of Eternal Praise (111:1–10)
March 17	A Psalm of God’s Wisdom (119:1–8)
April 7	A Psalm of Desired Peace (122:1–9)
April 14	A Psalm of Communal Thanksgiving (136:1–26)
April 21	A Psalm of Covenantal Cursing (137:1–7)
May 5	A Psalm of Lifelong Worship (146:1–10)