

Message Information for: 7/26/20

Series: Psalms

Title: "The Hopeful Cry of the Humbled Heart"

Text: Psalm 51

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51 (ESV)

Outline:

I must:

1. _____ agree with God about my sinful _____ against Him, vv. 1-6 (*cf. 2 Samuel 12:13; Romans 3:23; Psalm 32:5; Luke 15:21; Ephesians 2:1-2; 1 John 1:8*).

I must make a...

2. _____ - _____ appeal to God's character for a restored _____ with Him, vv. 1-2, 7-12, 14-16 (*cf. Ps. 13:5; 103:6-14; 145:8-9; Deut. 7:9; Matthew 15:8; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4-9; Colossians 1:21*).

Then I can live in...

3. _____ - _____ anticipation that God will _____ my repentant heart, vv. 10-17 (*cf. Acts 3:19; Romans 12:2; Eph. 2:10; Col. 3:16-17; 1 John 1:9*).

Family Time:

Have you ever offended, hurt, or done something unkind against someone you love? What did that do to your relationship with that person? Did it ever get restored? If so, how? If not, why not? How is your experience similar to David's experience with God? What does his story teach us about what our sin does to our relationship with Him? What does it tell us about God's compassion toward us?

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion:

1. Read 2 Samuel 11 and 12. After David is rebuked for his sin, what is his reaction? Does he attempt to justify his sin in any way? Are you ever tempted to justify or deny your sin? Why is that dangerous according to 1 John 1:8-10?
2. David notes in Ps. 51:4 that his sins against others were actually sins against God. Think back through your week and prayerfully ask God to reveal occasions when you sinned against God by sinning against others. Make a list if it helps to remember. Pray through Psalm 51 with those sins in mind. Have you sought forgiveness from those others as well?
3. David relied on the character of God for his restored relationship with Him. Read Psalm 51 again and write down all the characteristics of God that David mentions. How do these characteristics affect your desire to repent? How do they give you hope when you've sinned?
4. Contrast David's emotions in the midst of his confessing (vv. 3-9) with his anticipated life after confession (vv. 10-17). It has been said that "confession is good for the soul." How is that maxim proven true by David's example? Is there a secret sin in your life that needs to be confessed? Confess your sin to God, and then reach out to a believer you trust for help.

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 22, Ezra Dunn