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The Forgiveness of God Psalm 51

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1. The welcome parable of the man of God (2 Samuel 12:1-7, 13)

2. Mourning the sinfulness of sin (Psalm 51:1-6)

3. Asking the LORD to forgive us our sins (Psalm 51:7-12)

Table Talk

- 1) Why does Nathan tell a story to awaken David to his sin? What elements of Nathan's story particularly help David see his sin? (2 Samuel 12:1-7)
- 2) What are some ways that David mourns his sinfulness? (Psalm 51:1-6)
- 3) How can believers today learn from David's mourning over his sin? What are some ways that we exhibit false repentance? Is repentance something that we do, or is repentance an attitude of the heart? Explain your answer.
- 4) How does David ask the LORD for forgiveness (Psalm 51:7-12)?
- 5) Should we expect forgiveness from the LORD? How might your answer change, depending on how one defines, "expect"? Why should we be ever more humble when we contemplate the gravity of our sin, the work of God to pay for it, and the nature of God's forgiveness?
- 6) Do you think David was forgiven? Why or why not? Does the blotting out of sin mean that it's like it never happened? Why or why not?