

King David; Our Example

Introduction: Many do not find the meaning to brokenness difficult, but they do have a difficult time living wholehearted towards God. King David is God's example for living with God. David was a passionate man who loved many, but it is his wholehearted devotion that sets him apart. David would not settle for a mediocre walk and was either "all in" or "not." David's forgiveness follows humble repentance; acknowledged sin; God's forgiveness; cleansed heart; and then a restored soul. David's Psalm 51 is the model for those who have sinned and desire restoration. The only true sacrifice is a broken spirit and this is the fertile ground where God's seeds grow. "I have found David the son of Jesse, A man after my heart, who will do all My will." (Acts 13:22b)



The Bible Says...

1. How did King David walk before God? (1 Kin. 3:6; 14:8)
2. David lived wholehearted towards God. How was this demonstrated? (Acts 13:22)
3. Read the advice give to David's son Solomon. How are we able to change our heart? (1 Chr. 28:9)
4. What happens if we do not follow this advice?
5. What type of mind are we supposed to have?
6. Why was David chosen king? (1 Sam. 16:7)
7. List the qualities of David's heart. (1 Sam. 17:32)
8. (1 Sam. 18:23b)
9. (1 Sam. 21:12)
10. (1 Sam. 24:5)
11. (1 Sam. 24:10)
12. (2 Sam. 6:5)

13. (2 Sam. 6:14-15)

14. (2 Sam. 6:16) Michal's heart?

15. What is the difference between David's vs. Michal's hearts? (2 Sam. 6:20-23)

16. Because of David's heart God promises what? (2 Sam. 7:8-17)

17. (Read 2 Sam. 7:18-29) This expresses David's heart, and he asks God? (2 Sam. 7:29)

18. How does King David rule his house? (2 Sam. 8:15)

Read 2 Samuel chapters 11 and 12, list David's downward spiral of sins.

19. (2 Sam. 11:1b)

20. (2 Sam. 11:2)

21. (2 Sam. 11:4)

22. (2 Sam. 11:4-9)

23. (2 Sam. 11:13)

24. (2 Sam. 11:14-21)

25. His sins get progressively worse; David's disobedience and casual lusts precede his murder of Uriah. What is God's view? (2 Sam. 11:37)

26. Nathan confronts David and proclaims God's judgment. Write out David's response. (2 Sam. 12:13a)

27. How does God respond? (2 Sam. 12:13b)

28. Reread Psalm 51 within the context and understanding of David's wholehearted love towards God. Make a list of 10-15 key words and phrases that illustrate David's wholeheartedness and repentance.

29. A clean heart becomes the soil in which God plants His word. Write out Mat. 5:8...

30. Pure = *clean* (literally or figuratively) a clean and holy heart is a righteous heart before God. Although, God used animal sacrifices to demonstrate the principle of blood substitution is not His desire. But, what sacrifice does God take pleasure in? (Psa. 51:16-17)

In our culture, false repentance or worldly remorse is the norm. Just like King Saul, many Christians do not know how to repent God's way. Saul acted with worldly remorseful, regretting the consequences of sin rather than the actual sin against God. He chose worldly remorse instead Godly repentance. (Read: 1 Sam. 13:13-14; 15:11, 22-25; 26:21)

31. Because of this, God allowed what to happen to Saul? (1 Sam. 16:14)

The key to changing God's way is through a continual practice of repentance. When we sin judgment is always required, a death and a blood sacrifice are the only acceptable substitutes.

32. David's life is spared, but whose death is substituted? (2 Sam. 12:18)

33. The heart and mind are interconnected. Repentance comes when we allow our mind to see sin. Isaiah cried out that God would render the hearts of the people to accomplish what? (Isa. 6:10)

34. God requires authentic repentance. How does genuine repentance spring forth? (Psa. 51:17)

35. What is David's Example? (1 Kin. 15:3-5)

God have given us a free will so that we can align our will with His. This is expressed through worship and adoration of Him. When we sin, we must cast ourselves upon the rock of Jesus.

36. What happens if we do not have a broken and contrite heart? (Luke 20:17-18)

37. What happens to a man who hardens his neck? (Pro. 29:1)

38. How are we to love God? (Mat. 22:37)

39. When we love God this way, how much is left for ourselves?

40. When our hope is "In Christ" we have a new covenant, and God has then promised to do? (Heb. 10:16)

41. This was proclaimed by Jeremiah. Write out Jer. 24:7...

42. How do we change God's way? (Rom. 10:9-10)

43. How does God look at us when we clean our hearts of sin? (Rom. 10:10)

44. The acknowledgment of sin against God with a humble heart, a broken heart, a contrite heart, and repentant heart is the only way to change God's way! How does God save use from an unclean heart? (Eze. 36:25-29)

45. What happens to a heart of stone?

46. David's heart was revived through repentance. Where do those dwell who follow in David's footsteps? (Isa. 57:15)

Mile Marker: Read Psalm 51, why does a sinner need to be "broken" and "contrite" before God? What steps can you take today to maintain a "broken" and "contrite" heart? List:

Prayer: Pray Psalm 51 making it your prayer to God.

Action: Using Psalm 51 as a guide, the list of actions items from above, and the key terms in question #28 to construct your Psalm. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Group Discussion (Optional): Why do you think King David chose not to punish or kill Absalom for his sexual sins? Read your version of Psalm to the group and recite Acts 13:22.

Further Study:

- <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbILLkOmLdc>> (accessed September 23, 2010).
- Audio: A.W. Tozer, "What Does It Mean to Accept Christ," available from *Sermon Audio*, <http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=8150968404>> (accessed September 27, 2010).

Answers: King David; Our Example

1. In truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart towards God... who followed God with all his heart.
2. David a man after God's heart who will do all My will.
3. If we seek Him, He will let us find Him.
4. If we forsake Him, He will reject us forever.
5. "A willing mind!"
6. "For God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
7. Worried about others.
8. "I am a poor man and lightly esteemed."
9. Took matters to heart, seriousness.
10. Has a conscience.
11. Expresses pity for those who sin.
12. Leads others in celebrating God.
13. Dancing, trumpets, and shouting unto the Lord.
14. She despises David's heartfelt jubilation.
15. David is humble, and Michal is proud.
16. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him...(2 Sam. 7:14-15).
17. To bless him and his house.
18. "David administered justice and righteousness for all his people."
19. (2 Sam. 11:1b) David disobeyed (pride) by staying at home.
20. (2 Sam. 11:2) Lust, voyeurism, looking upon a naked woman.
21. (2 Sam. 11:4) Adultery with Bathsheba.
22. (2 Sam. 11:4-9) Conspires to cover up sin by recalling Uriah.
23. (2 Sam. 11:13) Gets Uriah drunk.
24. (2 Sam. 11:14-21) Conspiracy to commit murder and murder.
25. David has done evil in the sight of the Lord.
26. "I have sinned against the LORD."
27. "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die."
28. Answers vary.
29. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
30. (Psa. 51:16-17) A broken and contrite heart.
31. "Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him."
32. The death of the baby with Bathsheba.
33. So that we would see, hear, and understand with our heart and be healed.
34. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise."
35. David did what was right in the Lord's eyes for his whole life, expect with regards to Uriah.
36. Lest the rock (God's judgment) come down and crush us.
37. It will be broken beyond remedy.
38. Loving God will all our heart, all our soul, and our entire mind, 100% devotion.
39. Nothing, 0%.
40. He will put a new law upon our heart and write them upon our minds.
41. "I will give them the heart to know Me, for I am the LORD; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart."
42. When mouth and heart are united through a confession of sin and believing in our heart, we will be saved.
43. Righteous, holy, and saved from our sins.
44. God sprinkles it clean and puts His Holy Spirit within us.
45. It becomes a heart of flesh saving us from all my uncleanness.
46. They dwell with the Holy One high in His holy place.