

Psalms Handout Week Twenty-Four

Penitential Psalms: Why?

Isa. 1:18 Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

If you don’t feel the need to repent then...

Review: Psalm 51 teaches us to start with

Call sin what it is. No	Be	Use
Take	Ask for	
How are we to feel afterward?		

Ps. 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Why full? Because to have both forgiveness and forgiveness
is to receive the kingdom of God, to be blessed with all comfort, to have fellowship and communion with
Christ and to –

**11 Do not cast me away from Your presence
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

OT/NT difference

Do not cast me away:

Take Your holy Spirit:

Ex. 31, Num. 11, Num. 27, Judg, prophets...

So what is David asking for here?

NT believers—

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

What is it David really wants?

Rom. 4:25-5 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this *grace* in which we now stand. And we
boast in the *hope* of the *glory* of God.

1 Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all
unrighteousness.

This is not an incantation. This is an audacious miracle.

Mic. 7:18 **Who is a God like You**, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.

Sustain me with a willing spirit:

The odd thing...

The benefit of praying for what we have...

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The grief and the joy of C and R.

Phil. 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

More examples

Neh. 8:1 On the first day of that month they all assembled in Jerusalem, in the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra, the priest and scholar of the Law which the Lord had given Israel through Moses, to get the book of the Law. So Ezra brought it to the place where the people had gathered—men, women, and the children who were old enough to understand. There in the square by the gate he read the Law to them from dawn until noon, and they all listened attentively... 9 When the people heard what the Law required, they were so moved that they began to cry. So Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra, the priest and scholar of the Law, and the Levites who were explaining the Law told all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God, so you are not to mourn or cry. Now go home and have a feast. Share your food and wine with those who don't have enough. Today is holy to our Lord, so don't be sad. The joy that the Lord gives you will make you strong.” The Levites went around calming the people and telling them not to be sad on such a holy day. So all the people went home and ate and drank joyfully and shared what they had with others, because they understood what had been read to them.

Zaccheus

Matthew

Lk. 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he *calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'* I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Lk. 15:17 “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and *celebrate*. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’

Lk. 18:9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

C Spurgeon-- I frequently find that I cannot pray as a minister; sometimes I cannot even pray as an assured Christian, but I bless God I can *pray as a sinner.*”

A truckload of benefits to C and R

13 Then I will *teach* transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully *sing* of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may *declare/manifest* Your praise.

--C and R restores

A repentant faith is an infectious faith

Lk. 22:31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

-Biblical C and R focuses your testimony to

-C and R restores

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

-C and R destroys

Humble people are...

Jam.4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and *He will exalt you.*

-C and R enables us to understand

and empowers us to give it.

Eph. 4:32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

C and R can help us to love God more and experience

Lk. 7:40 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Look at the sin you wrote last week.

Shampoo Christianity?

You can have sorrow for sin without abandoning it. But that is just

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You can have abandonment of sin without sorrow. That is just

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Biblical C and R is sorrow that leads to a changed life and greater intimacy.

Mat. 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

What's your plan?

O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Your praise.

16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;

You are not pleased with burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

18 By Your favor do good to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices,

In burnt offering and whole burnt offering;

Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.

Is David repudiating the sacrificial system of the covenant?

Does God require a perfect sacrifice?

What is David repudiating?

*Confession and repentance is a form of

*Confession and repentance is a precursor to

V. 18-19?

If David wrote it...

If the returning exiles wrote it...

Amos. 9: "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old... Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit.

Discussion

1. Have you ever felt the discipline of God and the grace of God at the same time?

2. The Israelites are about to be attacked by the much stronger army of Assyria, and they decide to turn to Egypt for help. Besides being an ironically insane plan, God informs them it won't work. The wall of protection they are attempting to build around them will collapse mightily.

And then God says this...

Isa. 30:15 For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said,

"In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength."

But you were not willing,

Seriously?!! Is repentance and rest your go to plan when things get chaotic and threatening?

Explore the depth of God's declaration. What does it mean? Do you believe it?

IF you had to add this to the list of the benefits of repentance, how would you word it?