

Psalms Handout Week Twenty-Five

Review: Penitential psalms: 6, 32, 51, 102, 130, 143

How long is too long to keep repenting of the same sin?

Things to consider

-Sin has depth and layers to the depth

-Sin has width

-It has a time dimension

The curious ending and the bigger lesson for us.

1 Cor. 12: 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink...27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

The end of ps. 51 serves to remind us

1 Kgs. 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart...33 When *Your people Israel* are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against You, and if *they turn again* to You and *acknowledge* Your name and pray and plead with You in this house, then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your people Israel and bring them again to the land that You gave to their fathers. “When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if *they pray* toward this place and *acknowledge* Your name and *turn* from their sin, when You afflict them, then hear in heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, *Your people Israel*... 46 “If they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and You are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near, yet if they turn their heart in the land to which they have been carried captive, and repent and plead with you in the land of their captors....

2 Chronicles 7:14, If *My people*, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Neh. 9:1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins *and the iniquities of their fathers*. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day; for another quarter of it they made confession and worshiped the Lord their God.

Neh. 9:30 Many years you bore with them and warned them by your Spirit through your prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God. 32 “Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our *kings*, our *princes*, our *priests*, our *prophets*, our *fathers*, and *all your people*, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day. Yet you have been righteous in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly.

What is the benefit of repenting of what the father’s did?

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What about the listing of the kings, princes, priests, prophets and parents?

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* What distinguishes the church from the world is not

-Church wide repentance is shockingly

-The act of communal repentance is an intensely

-Communal repentance can be an antidote to

-Biblical C and R is highly

-It is a tool for convicting

Prov. 24:11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

Acts 19:17 And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

-Biblical C and R, like Daniel’s help keep the confession God-centered rather than

Dan. 9:17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for *your own sake*, O LORD make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called *by your name*. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, *for your own sake*, O my God, *because your city and your people are called by your name*.

Group repentance in this area helps realign us with our larger purpose.

-Biblical C and R, which starts and ends with the relentless grace of God, brings phenomenal

Small group confession:

What did Jesus suggest/command?

Rev. 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev. 2:14 you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth... He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Rev. 2:20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works.

Rev. 3:1 I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent.

Rev. 3:19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Psalm 32 A maskil of David. Maskil

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**2 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Transgression (rebellion) is covered (nasah-lifted up, carried).

Sin is covered (such that it cannot be seen)

Iniquity (perverseness, wickedness, mischief) is not imputed (thought about, considered, recorded, imagined).

3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night *Your* hand was heavy upon me;
my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. Selah**

1 Cor. 11:27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

**5 I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I did not hide;
I said, “I will confess (lift up) my transgressions to the LORD”;
And You forgave (lifted it off of me) the guilt of my sin. Selah.**

Gen. 4:12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear (nasah). Behold, you have driven me today away from the face of the earth and *from Your face* I shall be hidden.

Carried/covered/not counted.

Isa. 53:12 Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He *bore* the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

1 Jn. 3:5 You know that He appeared in order to *take away* sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Isa. 43:25 I, I am He who *blots out* your transgressions for My own sake, and I *will not remember* your sins”.

Heb. 10:14 For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,
“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the LORD:
I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then He adds,
“*I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.*”

2 Cor. 5:18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them

The ministry of reconciliation—

6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly (chaseed-leans into the covenant love) pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.

With repentance one comes into a new sphere of divine protection amid the storms of life.

2 Cor. 4:8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

**7. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.**

-God

Zeph. 3:15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by his love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

-Angels

-The congregation?!

**8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.**

9 Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, otherwise they will not come near to you.

Jn. 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the *servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends*

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked (morally condemned),

But he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

**11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones;
And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.**

Key to super happiness

Discussion

1. Do you have a group that you feel comfortable confessing your sin to? Do you do it?
2. Examine psalm 130 together. What does v. 4 mean??!!
What is this guy waiting for? List three things that help him wait. If you get five, you get extra credit.

The psalm is on the back.

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

2 LORD, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplications.

3 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

O LORD, who could stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with You,

That You may be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait,

And in His word do I hope.

6 My soul waits for the Lord

More than the watchmen for the morning;

Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the LORD;

For with the LORD there is lovingkindness,

And with Him is abundant redemption.

8 And He will redeem Israel

From all his iniquities.