Radical Repentance

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INTRODUCTION

- All true service to God, all true worship to God has two fundamental pillars involved in it.
- A recognition of the holiness and greatness and majesty of God, along with an acknowledgement of my own unworthiness.
- The 51st Psalm offers us the record of David's confession of his tragic sin against God.

1 We Must See Sin for What It Is

Psalm 51:3–4; Romans 7:12–13; 1 John 1:9

- True penitence acknowledges God's justice. It recognizes that God is just in condemning our sin.
- Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight… so that you are justified when you speak and blameless when you judge.
- True confession and repentance involves appealing to God's mercy. But true penitence also understands personal guilt.
- We have to accept our guilt to seek God's healing.
- Yes, he sinned against others, but ultimately his sin was against God.
- Do not undo your confession and acknowledgement of sin by minimizing your responsibility or by marginalizing the sin itself.

2 We Have to See God

Psalm 51:6–12

- We have to see God. Because God is the solution to this condition.
- Behold, you desire truth in the innermost being.
- God's holiness demands radical inner change.
- We have to come to see God's holiness and our need for cleansing.
- If you're not broken, you can't be built back up.
- This is a radical change of heart and mind. And there is no room for deception or dishonesty, but only true, genuine purification.

3 God's Power to Cleanse Our Soul and Heart

Psalm 51:10–12; Psalm 51:16–17; Matthew 5

- God has the power to radically change us within and to help us bring forth fruits meet for repentance.
- Don't think tonight that you can't be cleansed, that you can't be restored, that you can't be redeemed. You can be.

- God can take us from the ashes and the dust and he can rebuild us and that's what David pled for.
- Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, oh God, you will not despise.
- I think we can draw from that what God wants is restored relationships.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you let God restore you? Will you permit God to redeem you in His Son Jesus?

MY NOTES