



THE JOY
OF
SALVATION

Psalm 51:1-12

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Psalm 51:1-12 - continued

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psalm 51:1-12 - continued

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Introduction

A. A Psalm of Confession

1. A view of a man getting right with God
2. The baring of a man's heart after failure

B. It Is Also A Psalm Of The King

1. David is the leader
2. We should identify with this psalm, because we fail

Proverbs 24:16

**For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:
but the wicked shall fall into mischief.**

I. David Had Known The Joy Of Salvation

A. “Restore” indicates he has possessed it before

B. This truth is revealed in other Psalms

**1. The joy of salvation is expressed in perspective
Psalm 9:1**

I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

**2. The joy of salvation is experienced in power
Psalm 21:1**

The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

I. David Had Known The Joy Of Salvation

B. This truth is revealed in other Psalms - continued

3. The joy of salvation is experience in peace

Psalm 23:5

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

4. The joy of salvation is expressed in proclamation

Psalm 34:1

I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I. David Had Known The Joy Of Salvation

C. There is a good reason for this joy

- 1. The joy of forgiveness**
- 2. The joy of assurance of heaven**
- 3. The joy of finding the answer to life**

D. This joy is available to you through the Gospel

Romans 5:11

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

John 15:11

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

II. David Had Lost The Joy Of His Salvation

A. “Restore” indicates that he does not have it right now

B. David has a lot of company

Jeremiah 23:33

And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the Lord? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the Lord.

C. David and the story of his sin

III. David Longed To Have The Joy Of His Salvation Restored

A. “Restore” was part of his prayer to get back what he had lost

B. David prays for his joy to come back again

Luke 15:7

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

C. What is the road back?

- 1. It is the road of remembering**
- 2. It is the road of confession**
- 3. It is the road of faith**

Do you long for that joy again?

Psalm 32:1-2

1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

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