



This psalm, possibly written after David had been rebuked by Nathan for his sin with Bathsheba, holds four things we should consider in our prayers. First, there was an appeal to God's grace. "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions" (Psa. 51:1). We must understand that the only way that the conscience can be cleansed is by an obedient surrender to the grace of God.

Second, he acknowledged his sins. "For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight" (Psa. 51:3-4a). "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves. If we confess our sins He is faithful and righteous" (1 John 1:8-10).

Third, he asked for a cleansing. "Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psa. 51:7). The Pharisee made no such request. It was as if God was indebted to him. Here, the debtor is humbled and cries out to be clean. "If we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Finally, the psalmist gave an affirmation of renewed service. "Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You....Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness" (Psa. 51:13-14). "Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first" (Rev. 2:5). As Christ said this to the churches in Asia, we also need to return to the fruitful works that are pleasing to God.

When Jesus finished His parable of the two men praying, He said, "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18:14). We must humble ourselves in prayer and acknowledge our sins before Him. If we can do that the words of Psalm 32 can be our words. "How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psa. 32:1-2)!

## Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Sam Tarbet
Song Leader	Don Petrosky, Jr.
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Prayer	Dylan Petrosky
<i>Song</i>	
Communion	Leonard Meredith Ray Parks
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Sermon	Matthew Gibson
<i>Song</i>	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Sam Tarbet
<i>Song</i>	
Dismissal Prayer	Russell Haydon

### Upcoming Events:

- Today Clay will be out of town holding a Gospel Meeting in Memphis. Matthew Gibson will be speaking.

### Wednesday Devotional

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray Parks

### ...Prayer List...

*Gay Kyle, Tyler, Gary, Tom Barr, Don & Sherri Blackwell, Melvin Wright, Tammy Whitman, Sean Bothwell, Kenneth & Laura Snyder, Logan & Amanda Godfrey, Pete Medina, Casey Jo Engle*

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM:    PM:    Wednesday:    Contribution: \$