

DAVID'S GREAT SIN

Psalms 51 and 32

In spite of David's great love for the Lord and his usual attitude of complete trust in Him, there came a time when he was tempted and sinned greatly. Read about this sin, and the literature which was written as a result of it:

A. David's Sin: Read 2 Samuel 11:1 - 12:14

1. Which of God's ten commandments did David break? 2 Samuel 11:1-4 (See Exodus 20:14)

2. When David found out that his sin would be discovered, what did he try to do? 2 Samuel 11:5-13 (See Proverbs 28:13a)

3. When this failed, what did David do? 2 Samuel 11:26-27a

4. Then what did David do? 2 Samuel 11:26-27a

5. How did God feel about what David had done? 2 Samuel 11:27b

6. Whom did God send to help David realize the awfulness of his deeds? 2 Samuel 12:1-9

7. What did God have to do to David because of his sin? 2 Samuel 12:10-14

B. Psalm 51:

1. When was this Psalm written? See the title of the Psalm.

2. In this Psalm, what did David ask God to do? Psalm 51:1-2

3. How did David feel about his sin? Psalm 51:3-4

4. What did David realize after this sin? Psalm 51:6

5. What confidence did David have, even though he had sinned? Psalm 51:7

6. What did he ask God to do for him? Psalm 51:12a

7. What did he promise to do after this? Psalm 51:13

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8. What kind of sacrifice did God most want from David after this sin? Psalm 51:16-17
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C. Psalm 32:

1. Read Psalm 32:1-5. When do you think this Psalm was written?

2. What kind of man did David say is blessed? Psalm 32:1-2

3. What happened to David when he kept silence after his sin? Psalm 32:3-4

4. What happened when he acknowledge and confessed his sin? Psalm 32:5

5. What did David say God would give to him after this? Psalm 32:7b

6. What warning did David give to other after this? Psalm 32:8-10

7. How do you think David felt after his sin was forgiven? See Psalm 32:11

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was David happier before he confessed his sin or afterwards?

2. Have I allowed God to show me every sin of mine, so that I could confess it and forsake it? Or is some sin still “hidden” in my inward parts? See Proverbs 28:13.
