

Series: Spring Cleaning

Title: Getting Rid of Guilt



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Selected Scriptures: 2 Samuel 11; 12; Psalm 32; Psalm 51

“In the spring, when the kings normally went out to war, David sent out Joab, his servants, and all the Israelites. They destroyed the Ammonites and attacked the city of Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of his palace. While he was on the roof, he saw a woman bathing. She was very beautiful. So David sent his servants to find out who she was. A servant answered, “That woman is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam. She is the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” So David sent messengers to bring Bathsheba to him. When she came to him, he had sexual relations with her. (Now Bathsheba had purified herself from her monthly period.) Then she went back to her house. But Bathsheba became pregnant and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.” So David sent a message to Joab: “Send Uriah the Hittite to me.” And Joab sent Uriah to David. The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by Uriah. In the letter David wrote, “Put Uriah on the front lines where the fighting is worst and leave him there alone. Let him be killed in battle.”

(2 Samuel 11:1-14 NCV)

<https://bible.com/bible/105/2sa.11.1-14.NCV>

“The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to David, he said, “There were two men in a city. One was rich, but the other was poor. But the poor man had nothing except one little female lamb he had bought. The poor man fed the lamb, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food and drank from his cup and slept in his arms. The lamb was like a daughter to him. “Then a traveler stopped to visit the rich man. The rich man wanted to feed the traveler, but he didn’t want to take one of his own sheep or cattle. Instead, he took the lamb from the poor man and cooked it for his visitor.” David became very angry at the rich man. He said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this should die! He must pay for the lamb four times for doing such a thing. He had no mercy!” Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I appointed you king of Israel and saved you from Saul.’”
(2 Samuel 12:1-7 NCV)

<https://bible.com/bible/105/2sa.12.1-7.NCV>

“When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand [of displeasure] was heavy upon me; My energy (vitality, strength) was drained away as with the burning heat of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You, And I did not hide my wickedness; I said, “I will confess [all] my transgressions to the Lord”; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.”
(Psalms 32:3-5 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.32.3-5.AMP>

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.”

(Psalms 51:1 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.51.1.AMP>

The Scene and The Sin

“Then it happened in the spring, at the time when the kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all [the fighting men of] Israel, and they destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. One evening David got up from his couch and was walking on the [flat] roof of the king’s palace, and from there he saw a

woman bathing; and she was very beautiful in appearance. David sent word and inquired about the woman. Someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" David sent messengers and took her. When she came to him, he lay with her. And when she was purified from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent word and told David, "I am pregnant." Then David sent word to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the people were doing, and how the war was progressing. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet (spend time at home)." Uriah left the king's palace, and a gift from the king was sent out after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's palace with all the servants of his Lord, and did not go down to his house."

(2 Samuel 11:1-9 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2sa.11.1-9.AMP>

The Suffering

"For day and night Your hand [of displeasure] was heavy upon me; My energy (vitality, strength) was drained away as with the burning heat of summer. Selah."

(Psalms 32:4 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.32.4.AMP>

"Then Nathan went [back] to his home. And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, and he was very sick. David therefore appealed to God for the child [to be healed]; and David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground. The elders of his household stood by him [in the night] to lift him up from the ground, but he was unwilling [to get up] and would not eat food with them. Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "While the child was still alive, we spoke to him and he would not listen to our voices. How then can we tell him the child is dead, since he might harm himself [or us]?" But when David saw that his servants were whispering to one another, he realized that the child was dead. So David said to them, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "He is dead."

(2 Samuel 12:15-19 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2sa.12.15-19.AMP>

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will stir up evil against you from your own household; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and in broad daylight.’”
(2 Samuel 12:11-12 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2sa.12.11-12.AMP>

The Silence

“When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all the day long.”
(Psalms 32:3 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.32.3.AMP>

The Standoff

“And the Lord sent Nathan [the prophet] to David. He came and said to him, “There were two men in a city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of flocks and herds, But the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb Which he had purchased and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It ate his food, drank from his cup, it lay in his arms, And was like a daughter to him. Now a traveler (visitor) came to the rich man, And to avoid taking one from his own flock or herd To prepare [a meal] for the traveler who had come to him, He took the poor man’s ewe lamb and prepared it for his guest.” Then David’s anger burned intensely against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die. He shall make restitution for the ewe lamb four times as much [as the lamb was worth], because he did this thing and had no compassion.” Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you as king over Israel, and I spared you from the hand of Saul. I also gave you your master’s house, and put your master’s wives into your care and under your protection, and I gave you the house (royal dynasty) of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have given you much more! Why have you despised the word of the Lord by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with

the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife. You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will stir up evil against you from your own household; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and in broad daylight.’ ” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has allowed your sin to pass [without further punishment]; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have given [a great] opportunity to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme [Him], the son that is born to you shall certainly die.”

(2 Samuel 12:1-14 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/2sa.12.1-14.AMP>

I.

“Generous in love—God, give grace! Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record. Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry. I know how bad I’ve been; my sins are staring me down.”

(Psalms 51:1-3 MSG)

<https://bible.com/bible/97/psa.51.1-3.MSG>

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and guilt And cleanse me from my sin. For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them; My sin is always before me.”

(Psalms 51:1-3 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.51.1-3.AMP>

“If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude ourselves and the truth is not in us. [His word does not live in our hearts.] If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us continually from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose]. If we say that we have not sinned [refusing to admit acts of sin], we make Him [out to be] a liar [by contradicting Him] and His word is not in us.”

(1 John 1:8-10 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1jn.1.8-10.AMP>

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the best of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

(Isaiah 1:18-20 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/isa.1.18-20.AMP>

II.

“Against You, You only, have I sinned And done that which is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak [Your sentence] And faultless in Your judgment.”

(Psalms 51:4 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.51.4.AMP>

“I acknowledged my sin to You, And I did not hide my wickedness; I said, “I will confess [all] my transgressions to the Lord”; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.”

(Psalms 32:5 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.32.5.AMP>

Whatever happened to sin being sin?

- Isaiah confessed that he was a sinner.
- Daniel confessed his sin and the sin of the nation.
- Peter confesses that he was unworthy.
- Paul said, “Oh wretched man that I am.”

III.

“Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”

(Psalms 51:7 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/psa.51.7.AMP>

“All of us are dirty with sin. All the right things we have done are like filthy pieces of cloth. All of us are like dead leaves, and our sins, like the wind, have carried us away.”

(Isaiah 64:6 NCV)

<https://bible.com/bible/105/isa.64.6.NCV>

- Sin corrupts our mind
- Sin sours our spirit
- Sin dirties our soul
- Sin destroys fellowship
- Sin grieves the Holy Spirit

In **Psalm 51:7**, David says to the Lord, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” **Hyssop was used here to represent spiritual cleansing, forgiveness, and mercy.**

“But if we [really] walk in the Light [that is, live each and every day in conformity with the precepts of God], as He Himself is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another [He with us, and we with Him], and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin [by erasing the stain of sin, keeping us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].”

(1 John 1:7 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/1jn.1.7.AMP>

“But now [at this very moment] in Christ Jesus you who once were [so very] far away [from God] have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

(Ephesians 2:13 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.2.13.AMP>

“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal [Holy] Spirit willingly offered Himself unblemished [that is, without moral or

spiritual imperfection as a sacrifice] to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the ever living God?"

(Hebrews 9:14 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/heb.9.14.AMP>

IV.

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit.”

(Psalm 51:12 KJV)

<https://bible.com/bible/1/psa.51.12.KJV>

- Sin kills joy
- Sin grieves the Holy Spirit

“Do not let unwholesome [foul, profane, worthless, vulgar] words ever come out of your mouth, but only such speech as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak]. **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [but seek to please Him], by whom you were sealed and marked [branded as God’s own] for the day of redemption [the final deliverance from the consequences of sin]. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor [perpetual animosity, resentment, strife, fault-finding] and slander be put away from you, along with every kind of malice [all spitefulness, verbal abuse, malevolence]. Be kind and helpful to one another, tender-hearted [compassionate, understanding], forgiving one another [readily and freely], just as God in Christ also forgave you.”**

(Ephesians 4:30-32 AMP)

<https://bible.com/bible/1588/eph.4.30-32.AMP>

Answer Key:

I. Come Clean Before God

II. Accept Full Responsibility Before God

III. Ask To Be Totally Washed By God

IV. Request Restoration From God

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?
