

REPENTANCE

Daily Meditation – Saturday October 18, 2025

As Christians, we strive toward perfection, which is Jesus Christ. However, should we sin the Bible says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9).¹

John the Baptist was preparing the way for the Lord. He was living a life of simplicity eating wild locust and honey. John’s message was of repentance. The Bible says, “Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand’” (Matt. 3:2).

Then, John water baptized Jesus and the Holy Spirit impelled Jesus into the desert, forty days, to be tempted by the devil. The Bible says, “And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel’” (Mk. 1:14-15).

There are two types of repentance the Bible discusses that I want to explain. One is “godly sorrow” and the other is “worldly sorrow.” King David was a man after God’s own heart, but he made serious acts of sin, including murder. However, David repented with godly sorrow. True repentance is to go the opposite direction.

King Saul, on the other hand, made serious mistakes but repented with worldly sorrow. This is not true repentance. Jesus made the statement, “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far away from me” (Matt. 15:8). Meaning, they are going through the motions and God is looking for sincerity.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Cor. 7:5-16 / 2 Chron. 7:14

¹ All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I confess You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!