James #43

Cleanse me GOD and I will be whiter than snow

Keep in mind my last class this week will be on Thursday June 26th.

I will be on vacation until July 5th. We will do the Lord’s Supper upon my return on Sunday July 6th.

There is a full library of teaching now available on prbministry.org - so I would suggest going back over some older classes or even a Bible Conference series while I am away.

I would even suggest going back about year when I was teaching on the seeds of Satan and Nimrod or the days of Noah. That was at the end of the 2Thessalonian series starting around lesson number 55 or 60.

You can open up today in the Old Testament, in the book of Psalms chapter 51.

There are principles of the old sin nature, which every Christian needs to be familiar with.

In doing so, it means you do not get caught up in guilt or fear about your struggles with the sin nature.

It simply means you understand the battle you are in and the victory is already secured. As well as, all the tools you were given to combat spiritual warfare such as the trends of your OSN during your temporal walk.

/The old sin nature is a source of spiritual death in mankind —

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered into the world**, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all mankind, because all sinned**—

Eph 2:1 And **you were dead in your offenses and sins**, 2 in which you previously walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of **the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.**

 (Eph 2:1-5) \

The Christian walking in the OSN is walking in a type of Temporal Spiritual Death.

The OSN is perpetuated in the human race through physical birth. It is passed on genetically in our very DNA from the man.

When the biological baby comes forth from the womb they breath their first breath of life, that is considered physical birth.

A soul life is breathed into that biological life, it is called *nᵊšāmâ ḥay* (NASH-AH-MA HI) the breath of life from God seen in Genesis 2:7.

It states a plural reference, meaning physical life was infused into the body and a soul life was breathed into it that body - two lives. The Hebrew word ***HI*** means a living being or new a life…it is used twice in that scripture.

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Ancient Hebrew scholars connect the first breaths Adam ever took actually spoke God’s very name…YHWH (YAW-WEH) there was no vowels in its original context. (inhale – exhale)

His first words recognized the divine Creator.

From the point of physical birth, we are all enemies of God, born in sin.

The Believer continues to have an old sin nature after salvation.

/There is no such thing as sinless perfection —

1Cor 3:1 And I, brothers *and sisters,* could not speak to you as **spiritual**  **people, but *only* as fleshly**, as to infants in Christ.

1Jhn 1:8 **If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves** and the truth is not in us.\

Now let us look at David in one of his truly low points after failing in sin for a period of many months.

Psalms 51 highlights the cries of King David after Nathan woke him up concerning his sins against Bathsheba and Uriah.

The depths of what King David had done was neglect his duties as a king in battle, laziness and apathy even toward God.

Then lust took over which turned into a rape. Which led to lies and cover ups and then a murder.

King David was in a vicious cycle of sinning that lasted months.

King David is a man after God’s own heart - (Act 13:22 and 1Sam 13:14).

Psalm 51 begins …For the music director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

/Psa 51:1 **Be gracious to me, God** (*'ĕlōhîm*), according to Your faithfulness; According to the greatness of Your compassion, **wipe out my wrongdoings**.

The plural term often referenced to the Lord Jesus Christ. The whole of the TRINITY is involved in cleansing us.\

God the Father’s perfect plan, God the SON’s impeccable person and work, and the ministry of GOD the HS.

All fallen man is asked to do is take the grace gift of free will and acknowledge.

[Psa 51:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/2/s_529002) Wash me thoroughly from my guiltAnd cleanse me from my sin.

[Psa 51:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/3/s_529003) For I know my wrongdoings,And my sin is constantly before me.

Many legalistic teachers will use this section of Psalms as an excuse to drag human effort and emotions into the forgiveness of sin. Do not buy into that nonsense – King David was forgiven the moment he turned back to the justice of God.

King David had been in reversionism for many months after he had Uriah murdered.

Many scholars believe, the majority of Bathsheba’s pregnancy was a time David was running from God, spiritually bankrupted by what he had done.

/2 Sam 12:12 ‘Indeed, **you did it secretly**, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and in open daylight.’” 13 Then David said to Nathan, “**I have sinned against the LORD**.” And Nathan said to David, “**The LORD also has allowed your sin to pass; you shall not die**.

David knew his sins needed to be forgiven – he addressed it properly at this point, to GOD!\

Notice David did not ask Bathsheba or Uriah’s family or friends for forgiveness.

/[2Sa 12:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/14/s_279014) “However, **since by this deed you have shown utter disrespect for the LORD**, the **child himself** who is born to you **shall certainly die.”**

Leadership in any realm is held to a higher standard (husband, king, pastor or boss). David knew the depths he had sank into and he had fallen into deep depression and regret.\

King David was forgiven the moment he turned back to the justice of God.

Just because we are forgiven does not immediately remove the discipline and repercussions.

/Once a Bel has addressed their sin issue with GOD (Bel priesthood) it is done. There may require asking forgiveness from someone who was hurt by their sin and perhaps GOD will open that door and show you the time for that. The main issue is adjusting to the justice system of GOD first. God does not require emotional begging, guilt or works – HE wants genuine responsibility, that’s it! \

Sadly, many Christians never truly forgive others. They continually bring up the sins and failures of others or make life miserably for the fallen sinner, even after they have asked forgiveness.

That is the polar opposite of God’s mercy and grace – it is washed away once and done. Be careful about having an unforgiving nature;

/Mat 6:14 “For if you forgive other people for their offenses, **your heavenly Father will also forgive you**. 15 “But **if you do not forgive *other* people**, then **your Father will not forgive your offenses**. (Col 3:13) \

Many Christians have a hindered prayer life because of this MA sin - it is a form of bitterness. Read Matthew chapter 18 in reference to how many times we are to offer forgiveness to others. The Apostle Peter had a difficult pill to swallow when our LORD gave him the spiritual math on forgiveness.

/[Psa 51:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/4/s_529004) **Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil** in Your sight,So that You are justified when You speakAnd blameless when You judge.

God’s justice system is the only pure, righteous and acceptable justice system! David mentions evil (lifestyle), because he had been walking many months with neglect to God’s justice.\

[Psa 51:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/5/s_529005) Behold, I was brought forth in guilt,And in sin my mother conceived me.

From the womb we are born into a slave market of sin – the point of physical life, the breath of life at birth.

/[Psa 51:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/6/s_529006) Behold, **You desire truth** (*'ĕmeṯ)***in the innermost being**,And in secret You will make **wisdom**(*ḥāḵmâ)***known to me**.

GOD desires us to have - truth, BD, sound or firm principles, steadfast truth deep in the soul. This leads to divine wisdom.\

EM-ETH, it means faithful teaching, stability and sound doctrine. It comes from a Hebrew root word meaning pillars that uphold, it means a nurturing process or a father that lifts us up.

It means reliable and steadfast.

KACH-MA, is divine wisdom, BD fully absorbed ready for application.

God makes HIS wisdom known in a personal and private fashion, as we study the mind of Christ filled by the SPIRIT.

God gives us HIS divine knowledge and wants us to keep it deep within so we can have a glimpse into HIS wisdom.

 REPEAT

/ David asked God to wash away his sins and evil like dirt that was on his garment. Keep in mind David was the king representing GOD, which was an even higher standard. Cleansing is a term that comes from the tabernacle ritual. Those who came into God's presence to worship and serve Him had to be washed clean. In the ancient Hebrew society of that day, to wash and change clothes marked a type of new beginning. David knew the character and integrity of GOD and knew he could be washed clean into a new beginning.\

If King David could be washed clean after all he had done over the course of nearly nine months, I think God can handle your recent failures.

/ The king had sinned against Bathsheba, her husband, and the entire nation of Israel. King David rightfully admitted that the worst thing he had done was offending God. He made no attempt to blame God for what had happened but took full responsibility himself. David did not seek a soft landing or only recognition of half of the burden of his sins, he embraced it and knew it had to be dealt with.\

This is a display of a Bel who had achieved high levels of maturity and failed miserably for a longer period of time.

This was emotional and painful for David not because GOD demanded it, he was forgiven the moment he recognized the sin when Nathan confronted him.

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It was emotional and painful because of the depth of depravity and arrogance David went into.

It is a strong sign of maturity when your love for the LORD and the OSN clash and you know you failed miserably.

David is now turning back into the truth of the WORD of GOD.

He knows the only way to get back the spiritual ground he lost is by habitually washing himself in the truth of the mind of Christ.

 A steady diet of BD is now addressed; it is the only way to be on the right path.

/[Psa 51:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/7/s_529007) **Purify me with hyssop**, and I will be clean; **Cleanse me**, and I will be whiter than snow.

In Israel, the priest sprinkled animal blood on the altar with a hyssop branch. This ritual symbolized cleansing by sacrificial water and blood – entering the temple (water) and then the innocent blood sacrifice (Christ).\

David is asking God to continually bring him under the washing of the WORD of GOD and to continually, cover him in the sacrificial work of Christ for his future failures.

Adjusting to the justice of GOD habitually is the only way in this temporal life that we can be walking in purity.

David knows he has to return to his intimate relationship with GOD.

In Hebrews chapter nine we can note the perfect work of TLJC which fulfilled all the OT rituals.

/Heb 9:21 And in the same way **he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood**. 22 And almost all things are cleansed with blood, according to the Law, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness**.\

We are going to wrap this up today reading these next few verses – and we will open next message in a powerful set of principles related to the Hyssop branch David speaks upon here in verse seven.

[Psa 51:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/8/s_529008) Let me hear joy and gladness,Let the bones You have broken rejoice.

Divine discipline is for our own good.

God our Father disciplines those whom HE loves intimately. (Deu 8:5, Prov 3:12, Heb 12:6, Rev 3:19)

[Psa 51:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/9/s_529009) Hide Your face from my sinsAnd wipe out all my guilty deeds.

[Psa 51:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/51/10/s_529010) Create in me a clean heart, God,And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

/We cannot keep the standards of the Bible by keeping any type of law. We can only keep the law (Bible) through the filling of the Spirit and the consistency of the WORD in the soul, leading us into maturity. Maturity or experiential sanctification, fulfills the legal requirement of the divine law: blessing from the justice of God.\

Hyssop had not only medical applications but deep spiritual applications.

It pointed to protection - it pointed to cleansing and a divine renewal.

/Hyssop is a small, fragrant herb frequently woven within Scripture and widely recognized for its cleansing, purification, and sacrificial associations. In the ancient Hebrew context, the precise botanical species referred to by *“hyssop”* can be debated or even challenging to identify. Regardless of its exact species, the biblical texts use *“hyssop”* to signify purification, ritual cleansing, and spiritual renewal.\