

## PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

*Psalm 51:1 - 4, 10 - 12, 15 - 17*

Devotional Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:5 - 11

Background Scripture: Psalm 51; 2 Samuel 11

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- SUMMARIZE the circumstances that led King David to write Psalm 51
- INTERPRET Psalm 51 through the lens of King David’s experience and forgiveness
- CONFESS and REPENT of personal and corporate sins

**INTRODUCTION:** David, King of Israel, the most powerful man in the country, had hit rock bottom. Despite his best efforts, he could not hide his sin from God. When confronted by the prophet, Nathan, and with no pointless excuses available, he confessed and appealed to God, who is loving, merciful, and compassionate.

**KEY VERSE** <sup>10</sup> *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*  
*Psalm 51:10 / KJV*

**LESSON:**

Confession

Psalm 51:1 - 4

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Restoration

verses 10 - 12

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**SUMMARY:** Lust, pride, arrogance, unconfessed sin - - tools of the enemy to hinder your walk with the Lord. David knew the Lord. He loved the Lord. Yet, sin had made him vulnerable to the temptations of the world. David looked into his spiritual mirror [and did some soul searching] and repented. He was truly sorrowful for his sin. He could not change the past. He realized that he had broken his relationship with God. Where would he go from here? David knew that there was nothing he could do to restore himself. It is God's mercy and forgiveness that he needed.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. *How would you explain God's lovingkindness and tender mercies to someone who thinks God is harsh and unloving?*
2. *In what ways can a believer cultivate a broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart?*
3. *How has Psalm 51 changed how you approach your acts of confession and repentance?*

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DAY/DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></i>	Do Not Persist in Sin	Hebrews 10:26 - 35
<i>Tue., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></i>	Godly Grief Leads to Repentance	2 Corinthians 7:5 - 11
<i>Wed., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	The Righteous and the Wicked	Proverbs 28:4 - 18
<i>Thurs., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Sin's Deadly Spiral	2 Samuel 11:1 - 5, 14 - 24
<i>Fri., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup></i>	God, Restore Us	Lamentations 5:1 - 3, 15 - 22
<i>Sat., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Follow Christ	John 21:15 - 19
<i>Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></i>	Create in Me a Clean Heart	Psalm 51:1 - 13, 16 - 17