

Honest Confession

Description

Psalm 51:1-6

It is important to understand the context of Psalm 51 to understand the depths of meaning of this particular passage of Scripture. David pens it after being confronted by Nathan about his adultery with Bathsheba. The confession and forgiveness that David is speaking about is for murder, conspiracy, adultery—some of the worst things a human can do. To make it even more complex, David was admitting his sins as king of Israel, someone who was held to a higher standard of morality. Thus, confessing potentially had serious implications for his royal position.

Of course, none of that mattered to David. What mattered was that he sinned in the eyes of God and now was to make that right. Nothing was more important than restoring his relationship with the Lord.

It is still an important lesson for us today. An honest confession of our wrongdoings is the first step to being holy. We cannot hope to hide our sin from God, but we can take comfort in the fact that God is quick to forgive when we have confessed.

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