

Psalm 51

Lesson for Sunday, October 6, 2019

BIG IDEA: _____

INTRODUCTION:

- Discuss the legacy of King David..."a man after God's own heart"...yet 2 Samuel 11-12
- One of the biggest questions from the skeptics: God is unjust. "If the universe weren't ruled by a God of forgiveness, there would be no Psalm 51."
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OUTLINE:

1. David's Cry (vs. 1-3)
 - a. David knew what God was like.
 - i. Lovingkindness
 - ii. Tender mercies
 - b. David know what he had done.
 - i. Transgression
 - ii. Iniquity
 - iii. Sin
 - c. David knew what God could do.
 - i. He would blot them out
 - ii. He would wash them away
 - iii. He would cleanse them
2. David's Confession
 - a. David confessed the reality of his sin against God (vs. 4).
 - i. "All sin is founded in secret atheism..."
 - ii. Discuss our tendency to blameshift...
 - b. David confessed the root of his sin (vs. 5-6).
3. David's Cleansing
 - a. A removal of sin (vs. 7-9).
 - b. A renewal of spirit (vs. 10-11).
 - c. A restoration of salvation joy (vs. 12).
4. David's Commitment
 - a. He would teach sinners the way of salvation (vs. 13).
 - b. He would sing praises to God (vs. 14-15).
 - c. He would offer acceptable sacrifices to God (vs. 16-17).

APPLICATION:

- Psalm 32 – David tells of the joy after God forgave him!
- Pray this Psalm regularly.

CONCLUSION: David's Conclusion (vs. 18-19)

- What is life like for the humble and forgiven?
 - o We live a life of worship...
 - o God is honored and His blessings flow...
 - o God grants peace, prosperity and protection...
- Who doesn't want a life like that?