



From Tragedy To Triumph

Psalms 32:1-11 & 51:1-19

Cf. 2 Samuel 11-12

#25 in a series on the Psalms

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Theme: **God's Grace Triumphs Over Our Sin.**

The Problem Of Our Sin.

1. We have a sinful nature.

(51:5; cf. 58:3; Job 14:4; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 19:17; Matthew 7:11; Romans 3:9-12; 5:12-19; 6:17-19; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 2:1-3; Titus 1:15)

2. We choose to sin.

(32:3; 51:1-4; cf. 14:2-3; 143:2; 2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:13; 1 Kings 8:46; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:9-10, 23; Ephesians 2:1-2; James 1:13-15; 1 John 1:8, 10)

3. We cover up our sin.

(32:3; cf. 90:8; 2 Samuel 11:6-27; Genesis 3:8-10; 4:8-12; Exodus 2:11-15; Joshua 7:1-26; Numbers 32:23; Job 31:33; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Isaiah 29:15; 40:27-28; Jeremiah 16:17; 23:23-24; John 3:20; 2 Corinthians 4:2)

4. We are devastated by our sin.

(32:3-4; 51:14; cf. 31:9-10; 38:1-14, 17-18; 2 Samuel 12:7-18; Isaiah 59:1-2; Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 12:13-20; John 3:16, 18; 5:14 [1-15]; 9:1-3; Acts 5:1-11; Romans 6:23; 8:1; Hebrews 12:4-11; Revelation 3:19; 20:11-15)

The Provision Of God's Grace.

1. God's everlasting lovingkindness and grace.

(51:1; cf. 33:5; 36:5; 57:10; 103:8; 107:1-21; 136:1-26; 1 Chronicles 16:34, 41; 2 Chronicles 7:3, 6; 20:21)

2. God's everlasting lovingkindness and grace to all who seek Him.

(32:5-6, 10; 51:1-4, 7-14; cf. 23:6; 25:10; 86:5; 103:11, 17; Deuteronomy 7:9; Luke 15:1-32; 19:10; Acts 15:11; Romans 3:24; 6:23; 10:8-13; Ephesians 1:7-10; 2:4-8; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 2:11)

The Power Of God's Grace.

1. Forgiveness.

(32:1-2, 5; cf. 65:3; 78:38; 85:2; 86:5; 103:12; Matthew 9:2; Colossians 2:13; 1 John 1:9; 2:12)

2. Cleansing.

(51:1-2, 7, 9-10; cf. 24:4; Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Jeremiah 33:8; Ezekiel 36:25; 36:33; 37:23; Acts 3:19; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 9:14; 10:22; 1 John 1:9)

3. Restoration.

(32:11; 51:8, 10-15; cf. 43:3-5; Lamentations 5:19-22; Acts 3:19; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:9-10)

In My Life This Week

*(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations
and responses on a separate piece of paper and
save them with this sheet for reference.)*

Monday. Review the big picture of the situation of the two Psalms we looked at yesterday. First, however, read 2 Samuel 11:1 – 12:23 to set the scene. Now read Psalm 51. What does this tell you about King David—both positively and negatively?

Tuesday. Sin always is destructive. These two Psalms give us a picture of some of the tragedy of sin for everyone, not just David. Work your way through the four points under the outline heading “The Problem Of Our Sin.” You most likely will not have time to trace all the references today, but keep the outline for the future. Each of these points is true of all of us. Which one(s) is God bringing to your attention the most right now? How are you going to respond to Him regarding this?

Wednesday. Wonderfully, thankfully God provides His everlasting lovingkindness and grace. It is part of who He is, and so is an eternal constant. While God gives grace to everyone (see Matthew 5:45), His lovingkindness and grace that changes lives is given to those who seek and call upon Him. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-13 again. Now read Psalm 32:5-6, 10 and Psalm 51:1-4, 7-14 to see how David, as a believer, called out to God. What does this tell you about Him? How do you respond when you become aware of your sin?

Thursday. *God's grace triumphs over our sin!* Read the verses from the Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 under the headings of forgiveness, cleansing and restoration. Do you sometimes struggle with God forgiving, cleansing and restoring you? Do you sometimes take this great grace for granted?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Psalm 133. Read through this short Psalms several times, slowly. Think through it as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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