

Christian Repentance

Repentance for a Sin that Has Been Covered Up

Psalm 51

1. David's Sin (2 Sam 11-12)
 - A. The Catalyst Sin: Adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:1-4)
 - B. The Further Complication: Bathsheba is Pregnant (2 Sam 11:5)
 - C. The First Attempted Cover-up: Bring Uriah Home (2 Sam 11:6-13)
 - D. The Second Attempted Cover-up: Have Uriah Killed (2 Sam 11:14-25)
 - E. The Third Attempted Cover-up: Marry Uriah's Wife (2 Sam 11:26-27)
2. David Confronted by Nathan (2 Sam 12:1-15)
3. David's Repentance: An Example of Genuine Repentance (Psalm 51)
 - A. Genuine repentance... (vs.1-6)
 - I. ... starts with understanding God's character (v.1)
 - II. ... desires to be cleansed from the sin (vs.2, 7)
 - III. ... specifies the sin being repented of (vs.3-4; cf. Ps 32:3-5)
 - IV. ... does not defend the sin / minimize the severity of the sin (v.3)
 - V. ... understands that God is the primarily offended party (v.4a; 2 Sam 12:13; Luke 15:18)
 - VI. ... agrees that God's judgment against sin is just (v.4b)
 - VII. ... takes responsibility for the sin (v.5; cf. 1 Cor 10:13; James 1:13-16)
 - VIII. ... knows that repentance must also be internal (v.6)
 - B. Request for Restoration (vs.7-14)
 - I. A Restoration of Purity (v.7; cf. Mal 3:2-4; 1 Cor 6:11; 1 John 1:9)
 - II. A Restoration of Joy (vs.8, 12-13)
 - III. A Restoration of Relationship (vs.9-10, 14, 17)
 - IV. A Restoration of Ministry (v.11)
 - V. A Restoration of Praise (vs.15-16; cf. Ps 32:3)
 - C. Request for National Stability and Righteousness (vs.18-19)
4. The Immediate Consequences: The Child's Death (2 Sam 12:16-23)
5. The Continuing Consequences: War, Betrayal, Death (2 Sam 12:10-12)