

Faith over Failures

Text: Psalm 51

Context - David composed this psalm as a result of Nathan the prophet convicting him of his sins, both in his committing adultery with Bathsheba and in his arranging for the murder of Bathsheba's husband, Uriah the Hittite (2 Sam. 12:1–14).

As you battle for faithful obedience this year...

1. _____ **your sin (vs. 1-6)**

A. Three words used for our offenses:

1. Sin ("Hatta") (vs. 2) - wickedness, i.e., what is an offense to a moral standard.
2. Transgress ("Pesa") (vs. 1)– To rise up in clear defiance to authority.
3. Iniquity ("Awon") (vs. 2) - wrongdoing, with a focus of liability or guilt for this wrong incurred

2. _____ **for his cleansing (vs. 7-12)**

- A. **hyssop.** Old Testament priests used hyssop, a leafy plant, to sprinkle blood or water on a person being ceremonially cleansed from defilements such as leprosy or touching a dead body.
- B. Here hyssop is a figure for David's longing to be spiritually cleansed from his moral defilement. In forgiveness, God washes away sin (cf. Ps. 103:12; Is. 1:16; Mic. 7:19).

3. _____ **your behavior (vs. 13-19)**

A. David's behavior changed after his confession and repentance. He would go on to:

1. Share his faith (vs. 13)
2. Sing out loud (14-15)
3. Sacrifice correctly (16-19)
4. Seek the healing of his nation (18-19)