

The Necessity of Confession

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 51 was a "penitential" psalm (one of seven in the psalter) in which we learn the necessity of confession from King David.*

I. Confession is necessary for _____ (1-6).

Forgiveness is possible because of God's grace, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. Confession is the acceptance of personal responsibility for moral offenses and is directed foremost to God.

II. _____ is necessary for _____ (7-9). *David's strong metaphors help readers to understand that God's forgiveness is **absolute** and **exhaustive**.*

III. _____ is necessary for _____ (10-19). *While the Holy Spirit had a slightly different ministry in the Old Testament than He does in the New Testament, David mentioned three areas of a Believer's service negatively impacted by un-confessed sin.*

A. _____.
Can we instruct others on morality if we are secretly doing that which we publicly oppose?

B. _____.
Can we truly praise when there is known unconfessed sin?

C. _____.
This is more than a Sunday activity; it is ALL of life!