

RADICAL REPENTANCE

The Essence of True Confession and Repentance:

See Sin For What It Is

See God For Who He Is

See Ourselves For Who We Can Be

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The Reality of the Nature of Sin

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- True Penitence Appeals to God's Mercy (51:1-2).
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- “*Evil*” – **EVIL** (Heb. *Ra'*; Gk. *kakos, ponēros, phaulos*). *Evil* has a broader meaning than **SIN*. The Heb. Word comes from a root meaning ‘to spoil’, ‘to break in pieces’: being broken and so made worthless. It is essentially what is unpleasant, disagreeable, offensive. The word binds together the evil deed and its consequences. Wood, D. R. W., & Marshall, I. H. (1996). *New Bible dictionary* (3rd ed.) (348). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press.

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- True Penitence Accepts Personal Responsibility (51:4).

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- Sin invades our soul in its deepest recesses:
 - “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me” (Psalm 51:5).
 - This verse is not affirming the Calvinistic teaching of the Total Inherited Depravity as Adam’s posterity.
 - It is a mistake to over-literalize Hebrew Poetry, especially when it uses hyperbole for sake of exaggeration to make an important point.

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- “The **wicked are estranged from the womb; these who speak lies** go astray from birth” (58:3).

Hyperbole / Parallelism

Sin has invaded my life to my core!

- ***“But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of men and despised of the people” (Psalm 22:6).***
- ***“If I call to the pit, ‘You are my father’; to the worm, ‘my mother and my sister...’(Job 17:14).***
- ***“How much less man, that maggot, and the son of man, that worm!” (Job 25:6).***

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 - David is not excusing his sinful condition by saying, “I was born this way,” but he is declaring the absolute sinfulness of his condition (cf. Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 18:1-3; Romans 5:12).

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One Must See God

- **God's Holiness Demands Radical Inner Change (51:6, 9).**
- **God's Power to Cleanse our Souls (51:7).**

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- God's Desire to Restore (51:8-12):
 - Purity: “Create in me a clean heart” (51:10).
 - Faithfulness: “Renew a steadfast spirit within me” (51:10b).
 - Relationship: “Do not take your Holy Spirit from me” (51:11).
 - Joy of Salvation: “Restore to me the joy of salvation” (51:12).
 - Obedient Attitude: “Sustain me with a willing spirit” (51:12b).

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One Must See Potential To Serve

- Evangelistic (51:13)
- Worshipful (51:14-15)
- Divine Pleasure (51:16-17)
- Restored Relationships (51:18).



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