

**WCBC SERMON NOTES - MARCH 31, 2019**

**TOPIC:** TWELVE OT PRAYERS THAT CONNECT

Sermon 4: *A Prayer For Forgiveness!*

**TEXT:** Psalm 51:1-12

**INTRO:** Background of Psalm 51!

**I. SIN, FIRST AND FOREMOST, IS AGAINST GOD:  
v.4**

Note: Sin is an affront to God Almighty! - II Samuel 12:9-10, 13

- Genesis 39!

**II. MAN IS BORN IN SIN: v.5; 58:3**

Note: Man's original sin was passed on to us by Adam! - Romans 5:12

1. All men are declared sinners before the Holy God - Romans 3:23; I John 1:8-10
2. All men had inherited the "Adamic (*"sinful"*) nature!" - Ephesians 2:1-3
3. All men need to be clothed with God's *"divine nature"* in order to counter the "Adamic nature!" - II Peter 1:3-4

**III. THE SURE, CONSEQUENCES OF SIN: vv.3,8,12**

Note: Sin always has a price tag!

1. Sin tortures a person psychologically! - v.3
2. Sin destroys a person physically! - v.8
- Progression of Sin Physically!
3. It deprives a Christian emotionally! - v.12

Note: It forfeits a believer of joy, i.e., true joy that only God could give in salvation!

- Fellowship vs. Sonship!

**CONCLUSION:** Reasons Why God Forgave David's Gross Sins!

1. Because of David's sincere heart before God! - I Kings 11:4
2. Because David took ownership of his own sins! - vv. 1-3,7,9-12
3. Because of God's *"unfailing love"* and *"great compassion"* on him! - v.1

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**Hymn Writer Lose Joy Of Salvation!**

Robert Robinson, author of the hymn, *"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing,"* lost the happy communion with the Savior he had once enjoyed, and in his declining years he wandered into the byways of sin. As a result, he became deeply troubled in spirit. Hoping to relieve his mind, he decided to travel. In the course of his journeys, he became acquainted with a young woman on spiritual matters, and so she asked him what he thought of a hymn she had just been reading. To his astonishment, he found it to be none other than his own composition. He tried to evade her question, but she continued to press him for a response. Suddenly he began to weep. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he said, "I am the man who wrote that hymn many years ago. I'd give anything to experience again the joy I knew then!" Although greatly surprised, she reassured him that the "streams of mercy" mentioned in his song still flowed. Mr. Robinson was deeply touched. Turning his "wandering heart" to the Lord, he was restored to full fellowship! - H.G. Bosch

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**Verse For Today**

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness!"*

- I John 1:9

**Food For Thought**

"The Christian's bar of soap - I John 1:9!" - Unknown

