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Psalm 51

The need for confession, the process of repentance, and the joy of restoration.

*1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

True repentance begins with God's mercy.

*3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

True confession takes full responsibility.

When we confess sin, we are not informing God of something He doesn't know. We are agreeing with God about what He already sees.

Repentance begins when we see sin as God sees it.

*7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*

True repentance seeks cleansing, not just consequence removal.

*10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*11 Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

True repentance isn't behavior modification, it's heart transformation.

*12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

Sin steals joy, not salvation

*17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Acts 3:19-20

*19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20
that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*

**In the hardest and truest moments of our sin, will we repent of our
sin, or repent of Christ?**