



SUMMER PSALMS

LEARNING THE SONGS OF JESUS

New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency

The Gift of True Repentance (1)

August 7, 2022 | Psalm 51:1-12 | Pastor Roger Williams

True repentance is a gift of grace that moves us from guilt and shame to joy and freedom.

The shape of true repentance: “You are...I own...You act”

Psalm 51 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against 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.
- ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- ¹⁹then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.

– Martin Luther’s *95 Theses*

(Next week: The result of true repentance)