



4 Lessons about Confession We Learn from a King

Psalm 51

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Saying the same thing
about my sin that God says

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1. David went to the right place
(*person*) to confess his sin –
God (*vs. 1*).

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- God is the only one that can forgive sin (*1 John 1:9, 1 Timothy 2:5*).

**For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and
men, the man Christ Jesus;**



1 Timothy 2:5 ←

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- God is the only one that can forgive sin (*1 John 1:9, 1 Timothy 2:5*).
- God is merciful and loving (*Psalms 86:5, 103:10-12*).

**For thou, Lord, art good,
and ready to forgive; and
plenteous in mercy unto all
them that call upon thee.**



Psalm 86:5

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2. David admitted his guilt and took responsibility for his sins (*vv. 2-6*).

**He names sin's characteristics
using 4 different words.**

- 1) Transgression** – Rebellion
against God's law
- 2) Iniquity** – Moral failure
- 3) Sin** – Offence against a holy God
(*NT- missing the mark*)
- 4) Evil** – Wickedness, wrongdoing

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3. David knew what to ask for – the cleansing power of God's forgiveness (*vv. 7-12*).

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4. David repented of his sin and desired to be used of God again (*vv. 13-17*).

- David would use his experience with sin and forgiveness to teach others.
- David would not stop singing and praising God for His goodness in forgiving him.
- David learned that God really wanted his heart more than anything else he could give God.

Next Steps

- Don't wait to confess sin. God is waiting and willing to forgive!
- Realize the damaging effects of sin and give it no place in your life.
- True repentance will lead to a desire to be used of God.
- Never stop praising God for His forgiveness and then share it with others.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.



Romans 10:9-10