

PSALMS PROVERBS & PARABLES



What is True Repentance?

Psalm 51

Questions

1. What does this Psalm tell you about David's view of the character of God? How does this inform his/your understanding of sin?
2. How do you see David taking full ownership of his sin? (i.e. notice the use of "my" in the first couple of verses) Are there places you need to take ownership of your sin?
3. How do you see David relying completely on God for both forgiveness and sanctification? How do you need to rely on God in these areas?
4. In verse 12, what do you think is the joy of salvation? Is that joy in your life?
5. In verse 13, David transitions into action (teaching others, praising God), what does this tell you about the fruit of repentance?
6. In verses 16-17, what does God truly desire? What's the difference between empty actions and earnest worship?
7. How has God used this Psalm to work the fruit of repentance into your life?