

**LEADERSHIP AND THE VALLEY**  
**LEADERSHIP: A STUDY OF DAVID**  
**PSALM 51**

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The leader that God restores.

“One of the keys to success is an unflinching belief that there are no rules” – Anton LaVey, Founder of the Church of Satan

Q: What is repentance?

A: A change of attitude and action from sin toward obedience to God... “to turn around and go in the opposite direction.”<sup>1</sup>

*The repentance and restoration process*

- 1) I recognize my capacity and my need – 51:1a **Have mercy on me**, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy

Q: What opens our eyes to our need?

A: We feel a need to be clean – 51:2 **Wash me** thoroughly from my iniquity, and **cleanse me** from my sin!

A: We cannot escape our guilt – 51:3 *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

A: We are broken over breaking God’s heart – 51:4-6 *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. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

A: We experience a loss of joy and gladness – 51:8 *Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

- 2) I agree with God about His capacity to meet my need – 51:1b **blot out** my transgressions...<sup>7</sup> **Purge me...wash me...**<sup>9</sup> **Hide your face** from my sins, and **blot out** all my iniquities...<sup>10</sup> **Create in me** a clean heart, O God, and **renew** a right spirit within me...<sup>11</sup> **Cast me not away** from your presence, and **take not** your Holy Spirit from me...<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,** and **uphold me** with a willing spirit...<sup>14</sup> **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,**
  
- 3) I place my faith in God to create a story from my scar – 51:13 Then **I will teach** transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you...<sup>14</sup> O God, O God of my salvation, and **my tongue will sing aloud** of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup> O Lord, **open my lips,** and **my mouth will declare** your praise.

Q: What does God desire from me? – 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

### Reminders

- 1) You're only one step away from stupid: Whatever sin promises, it's not worth it.
  
- 2) Stay with a "Who am I?" mentality and look out for a "Look who I am!" attitude.
  
- 3) Do you have a "Nathan" in your life? Your response to the "Nathans" in your life sets your trajectory.
  
- 4) You're only one step away from the restoration process: Repentance.

Joel 2:12 *"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart,"*

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<sup>1</sup> Brendan Kennedy, "Repentance," John D. Barry, ed., *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016), *Logos Library System*.