

“A Soul Winner’s Joy”

-Psalm 51-

2 Sam 12:1-7 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said, "There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. (2) "The rich man had a great many flocks and herds. (3) "But the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb Which he bought and nourished; And it grew up together with him and his children. It would eat of his bread and drink of his cup and lie in his bosom, And was like a daughter to him. (4) "Now a traveler came to the rich man, And he was unwilling to take from his own flock or his own herd, To prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him; Rather he took the poor man's ewe lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." (5) Then David's anger burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, surely the man who has done this deserves to die. (6) "And he must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion." (7) Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul.

Man's problem is neither a lack of authority or knowledge. It is moral. It is sin. What can be done. David had sinned with Bathsheba. He already had six wives (2 Sam. 3:2-5). With Bathsheba he wrecked a family.

2 Sam 3:2-5 Sons were born to David at Hebron: his first-born was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; (3) and his second, Chileab, by Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah, the daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur; (4) and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abitail; (5) and the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife Eglah. These were born to David at Hebron.

I. The removal of guilt is quite difficult. Only God can do this.

- A. Verses 1 & 2 shows 3 separate words for sin.
 - 1. Transgressions - defection or rebellion.
 - 2. Iniquity - perversion of right.
 - 3. Sin - missing the mark, error.
- B. Verses 1 & 2 shows 3 separate words for clean.
 - 1. Blot - obliterate from memory.
 - 2. Wash - by treading & rinsing.
 - 3. Cleanse - ceremonially clean.
- C. Verse 3 shows that there is no excuse.
- D. Verse 4 shows sin is personally toward God.
- E. Verse 12 - Joy is restored when repentance is completed.
- F. Verse 13 - Now only does soul-winning begin.

- Psalm 126 -

II. The time frame is 600 B.C. Israel was in Babylonian exile for 70 years.

- A. It was like a wonderful dream to be released. Vss. 1-3.
- B. One only sows seeds of the word of God in tears & weeping when he sows "all". Vss. 5-6.
- C. He will certainly shout for joy when his "last" seeds yield a harvest. Vs. 6.