

## **Testing Of A King's Heart – 2 Samuel 11-24, Psalm 51**

**Intro.** David was a man after God's own heart – 1 Samuel 16-31

- 1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22

As a king David's heart gets tested twice. First, his love for God gets tested by the beauty of a woman. Second, his faith in God gets tested by the size of an army. Our hearts will also get tested, but will we learn from David how to remain wholehearted towards God.

### **I. Our Covering-Up Sin Never Works Out – Psalm 32:3-4**

A. David's heart is tested in 1 Samuel 11 and is found to have lust instead of wholehearted **love for God**

- 2 Samuel 11:3-5; 15, Psalm 32:3-4

B. Out of love God exposes our sin

- 2 Samuel 12:9, Psalm 141:5a

### **II. Our Confession Is Good For Our Soul – Psalm 51:1-6**

- 2 Samuel 12:13, Psalm 51:1-6

### **III. God Cleanses Us From Our Sin - Psalm 51:7-9**

- Samuel 12:14, 22-23, Romans 8:1, Psalm 51:7-9

A. David petitions God for mercy but accepts the consequences that follow.

## **IV. God Creates A Whole Heart Within Us - Psalm 51:10-11**

- Deuteronomy 6:4, Psalm 51:10-11

A. David returns to loving God with his whole heart. This is what makes him a great king!

## **V. God Restores To Us The Joy Of His Salvation - Psalm 51:12**

A. David's heart is tested again in 1 Samuel 24 and is found to have pride instead of wholehearted **faith in God**

- Psalm 51:12, 2 Samuel 24:10-11, 14-15

B. God's Upper Story

1. The suffering of the sheep is reversed when Jesus our Shepherd lays down his life for the sins of the sheep.

- 2 Samuel 24:17-18 (John 10:15), 24-25

2. Jesus is our atoning sacrifice for our sins

- 1 Chronicles 21:28; 22:1, 2 Chronicles 3:1 (Genesis 22:2)

**1 John 4:10** "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

### **Confession from the Book of Common Prayer**

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.