1 - ***The Anguish of Sin -* Lessons From King David**  
2 Samuel 11-12

2 – **Context**

Psalms 32 & 51 penned by David expressing great anguish over sins he committed:

After…

* The ark is brought to Jerusalem (ch. 6)
* God’s promised to establish David’s throne forever **(**🔑**2 Samuel 7:12-17)**
* David’s humble prayer (7:18-29)
* David’s victories (ch. 8 & 10)

3 – **Context**

* **“*When kings go out to battle...*”,** David stayed home (2 Samuel 11:1)
  + How are we redeeming the time? (Eph. 5:15-16; 1 Cor. 15:58)
* David “***walked around*** *on the roof of the kings house… and* ***saw a woman bathing***…” (vs. 2-3)
  + Make no provisions for the flesh and its’ lusts. (Romans 13:13-14; Ps. 119:37)
* David ***“inquired”*** and then ***“sent”*** for Bathsheba (vs. 3-4) and then ***“lay with her”*** (vs. 4)
* Process of temptation, lust and sin. (James 1:14-16; Romans 6:12)

4 - **David’s Sins**

* **Adultery.** (11:4)
* **Deception.** (11:7-8)
* **Murder** (11:14-21)
* Could David have imagined back in 2 Samuel 7 as he prayed to God that he would do such things? (1 Corinthians 10:12; Luke 22:31, 54-61)

5 - **Our Sin Will Find Us Out** (Num. 32:23)

* **God** said**,** *“****You did it secretly****, but I will do this thing* ***before all Israel****.”*
* **Examples: Achan** (Joshua 7); **Ananias & Sapphira** (Acts 5; cf., Romans 6:1)
* “…***all things are open and laid bare*** *to the eyes of Him* ***with whom we have to do***.”   
  (Hebrews 4:13; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

6 - **The Cost Of Sin**

* **It’s deceptive**. (Hebrews 3:13; Ephesians 4:22)
* **It’s temporary**. (Hebrews 11:24-27)
* **It’s desensitizing.** (1 Timothy 4:2; Eph. 4:19)
* **It’s hardening**. (Hebrews 3:8)
* **It’s enslaving.** (John 8:34; Romans 6:6-7)
* **It’s deadly.** (Romans 6:23; James 1:15)

7 - **The Cost Of Sin**

* **It’s always more than you think**.   
  (2 Samuel 12:5-6)
* Consider…
  1. **Adam & Eve** (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:3ff, 16-19)
  2. **Cain** (Genesis 4:1-8; Hebrews 11:4)
  3. **Esau** (Hebrews 12:16-17)
  4. **The ten spies** (Numbers 13:31-14:4; 14:26-29)
  5. **The prodigal son** (Luke 15)

8 - **David’s Response**

* ***“I have sinned against the Lord”***(12:13; Luke 15:18, 21; Psalms 41:4; 51:4; Genesis 39:9; Leviticus 6:2; 1 Corinthians 8:10)
* We may sin against our fellow man but ultimately our accountability is before God.

9 - **The Response To Sin**

***Psalms 51***

*“I know my transgression and my sin is ever before me”* (vs. 3)

* David was forgiven but dealt with the temporal consequences all his life. (cf., Matt. 18:8; 1 Cor. 15:9-10 )

*“Against You, You only, I have sinned…”* (vs. 4)

* We still must make amends with our brethren. (Matthew 5:23-24)

**10 - The Response To Sin**

***Psalms 51***

*“You desire truth in the innermost being…”* (vs. 6)

* David realized it was a heart problem. (Mt. 15:18-20)
* *“Create in me a clean heart (*cf., Acts 8:21; cf., Jms. 4:8) *and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”* (vs. 11; 78:37; Hebrews 6:19)

*“Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.”* (vs. 7)

* Cleansing depends on confession. (1 John 1:9)

**11 - The Response To Sin**

***Psalms 51***

*“Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”* (vs. 11)

* The need to draw near to God (James 4:6-8) and to be *“filled with the Spirit”* through the word of God richly dwelling in us. (Col. 3:16-17; Eph. 5:18)

“*Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit*.” (vs. 12)

* We need to return to the joy of serving God and continually work on our “want to”. (Phil. 4:4-6)

**12 - The Response To Sin**

***Psalms 51***

*“Then I will teach transgressors your way, and sinners will be converted to you.” (vs. 13)*

* Teaching others doesn’t guarantee we will overcome temptation but it’s part of the life of faith that will draw us closer to God.
* David knew others needed reminders from God’s word.

13 - **Key Points**

* All children of God need to ***“take heed that he does not fall”*** since we all face common temptations***.***
* Keep filled with God’s word so Satan has no room to fill our hearts.
* Stay busy doing the work of the Lord.
* Keep focused on our hope while we deal with any temporal consequences to our sin.
* Acknowledge our sins before God and seek His forgiveness continually.