

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

QUESTION? Do you ever wonder or worry that your sins are unforgivable, too terrible to bring before God? Consider the life of King David.

King David lived a life of devotion to God from a young age (remember Goliath and Saul), but by no means did he live a perfect life. Parts of his life read like a soap opera. He had an affair with a married woman. He arranged to have her husband killed when she discovered she was pregnant with David's baby; the baby died and David's other children (Absalom) rebelled against him. Wow!

Psalm 51 allows us to listen in as David confesses his sin and broken heart to God. We also hear David's solemn promise to turn back, by faith, to the God of second chances.

1. **Sin is first and foremost a violation against God.** Uriah, Bathsheba, and David's infant son were wronged by David's choices. But most of all, his relationship with God suffered. Read Psalm 51:4. Is there sin in your life? Romans 3:10-12,23. Ask God right now to forgive you of your unconfessed sin.
2. **Sin has consequences.** Name some of the consequences of sin in your life. What does sin do to your relationship with the Father? What about your sense of peace and joy? Does it grieve the Holy Spirit? (Ephesians 4:30) Look at Galatians 5:16-26 and note the differences between the acts of a worldly life and the fruits of a Spirit filled life.
3. **He is the God of the second chance.** Like David, we must admit our sin against God, repent (redirect our steps toward God), and accept His forgiveness (2 Corinthians 5:17-19, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 51:1-2,13,17).
4. **GOOD NEWS - the believer's sin is forgiven.** Jesus took the sins of the world upon Himself for all who believe in Him by faith. Read Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 1:18, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, and John 3:16-17. Through the blood of Jesus, the believer's sins are forgiven and God sees our hearts as pure and clean. How awesome is that?
5. **Our hope is in Jesus.** David wanted to share his faith and forgiveness with others (Psalm 51:13). Peter later encouraged us to tell others about our hope, which is in Jesus. Read 1 Peter 3:15-16, review what might be some implications for your ministries in CMA. (Hint: forgiveness, joy, hope, love, acceptance, grace, mercy, and eternal life are all found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through faith. Many bikers and people we minister to are looking for those very things.)