EXPERIENCING RECONCILIATION - 2C 5:18 & Ps 51

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- 1. <u>2C5:18</u> <u>Ps 51</u>
- **2.** Recall David's sins: adultery & war-crime: murder. Nathan: *You are the man!* David breaks [A2:37].

1st: David's Plea for Forgiveness

- 1. v1 David' sin: superscription. David's God Exo 34:6-7
 - i. gracious lovingkindness compassion revealed to penitent faith.
 - ii. David knows guilty <u>v4</u> but pleas for grace: *a broken & contrite heart*
- 2. blot out transgressions = judicial. $\underline{v9}$ God's face. See sin in rln to GOD.

2nd: David's Confession of Sin

- 1. *transgression:* rebellion vs authority; *iniquity* twist, pervert, disfigure, defile; *sin* break law; break thru boundary = *evil* [v4]: bad, immoral
- 2. conviction of conscience v3 gnawing, unrelenting internal presence
- 3. depravity: he sins b/c he is a sinner $\underline{v5}$. Lord is forgiving & David is a sinner = perfect match!
- 4. v14 specific sin: murder of Uriah not nondescript "we're all sinners"

3rd: David's Desire for a Clean Conscience

- 1. God convicted <u>v8b</u>. Feels like broken bones.
- **2.** Sin is exp'd as dirty wash [v2,7]; cleanse [v2,10] $\underline{v7}$ hyssop [Isa 1:18].
- 3. Results of cleansed conscience?

i. v6 - knowledge of truth & wisdom - discerning

ii. v8a - <u>hear joy & gladness</u> = HS's communication of

reconciliation

iii. v12 - joy of salvation - persevering fidelity - evangeli-

cal obedience

4. Results of forgiveness - v11 live in Lord's presence conveyed by HS

4th: The Evidence of David's Reconciliation - Witness

1. v13 - tell other transgressors - 2C 5:18,19. Love neighbor

5th: The Evidence of David's Reconciliation - Worship

- 1. vss14-17 *tongue*, *lips*, *mouth* witness & worship: word-focused [Mk 12:34]
- 2. Offer prescribed worship w/penitent heart [v17] Mt 15:8 [Isa 29:13]

6th: David's Hope

1. v18 - God's *favor* to Zion - fulfilled in Rv 21:1-5.

7th: David's Habit

1. v19 - takes his place in corporate worship

8th: The Experience of Reconciliation

- 1. Ps 32:1-5 God's heavy hand = conviction. Conducive to Xn's health.
- 2. A correlation tw/ love we give to Jesus & depth of our experience of His forgiveness Lk 7:47. Compare our witness & worship w/ that of angels.

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3. Let us experience God's reconciling love & witness of the One we worship.