

The Joy of Salvation

Psalm 51:12

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Introduction:

1. Psalm 51 is a Psalm of confession
 - a. Here is an inside view of a man getting right with God.
 - b. The baring of a man's heart after an encounter with failure.
2. It is also a Psalm of the King
 - a. David is the leader, politically, spiritually and even musically.
 - b. This is a psalm with which we can all identify because we all fail from time to time.
3. Focus today is on one phrase...really one word...of David's prayer.

****READ PASSAGE & PRAY****

I. He Had Known the Joy of Salvation

- A. "Restored" indicates he has possessed it before.
- B. A search of Psalms reveals this:
 - a. Psalm 9:1, "I will praise You"
 - b. Psalm 21:1, "The king shall joy in Your strength"
 - c. Psalm 23:5, "my cup runs over"
 - d. Psalm 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times"
- C. There is good reason for such joy.
 - a. The joy of forgiveness
 - b. The joy of assurance of heaven
 - c. The joy of the presence of the Lord
 - d. The joy of finding the answer to life
- D. This joy is only available to you though the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

II. He Had Lost the Joy of His Salvation

- A. "Restore" indicates that he does not have it right now.

- B. David has a lot of company:
 - a. Many are filled with gloom who were once filled with glory.
 - b. Many are burdened who once were blessed.
 - c. Many are soured who were once filled with song.
 - d. Many are pouting who were once praising.
- C. Remember the reason for David's distress?
 - a. His sin with Bathsheba.
 - b. Sin had robbed him of his joy.
 - c. The song is gone
- D. Many can remember a better day. How about you?

III. He Longed to Have the Joy of His Salvation Restored

- A. "Restore" was part of his prayer...to get back what he had lost through his sin
- B. He prays for the JOY to come back again. Didn't lose salvation...rather the joy of it.
- C. What is the road back?
 - a. The road of remembering
 - b. The road of confession
 - c. The road of faith
 - d. The road of accepting God's forgiveness
- D. Do you long for that joy again?
- E. You can have it today!

Conclusion:

1. Psalm 32: another view of the same man
2. "Blessed (happy) is the man whose transgressions are forgiven."
3. Have you been forgiven?
4. Your joy will return as we come to the Lord in confession and repentance.