

# *Unclean & Unashamed*

## *Palm 51 (Part 2)*

### *The Freedom of Confession*

## **1. Sin Introduce Soul Debt**

**\*\*Blood Guilt\*\*** (See Numbers 35:9ff)

## **2. David's Confession**

### **2 Samuel 12 – Nathan & David**

David made an honest, public confession. No "if's" "buts" or "maybe's"

### **The Result = Debt is Cleared**

- Background from the Life of Moses
  - "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion" (Exod. 33:12–23).
  - Central to God's Nature are MERCY & COMPASSION
    - Mercy = God's loving help to the helpless.
    - Unfailing love = Unstopping Grace To Hold Everything Together
    - Compassion = God understands and condescends to help our weakness
  
- Hyssop
  - Passover
  - Exodus 12:21-23 - Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.
  - 1 Cor 5:7 "... Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed"
  
- Whiter than Snow
  - Isa. 1:18 Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool

### 3. Our Confessions

#### **Real Confession Includes Honest Humbling of Self PLUS Restitution**

Numbers 5:5-7 - And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel, When a man or woman commits any of the sins that people commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person realizes his guilt, he shall confess his sin that he has committed. And he shall make full restitution for his wrong, adding a fifth to it and giving it to him to whom he did the wrong. (ESV)

Romans 2:4 "...God's kindness leads you toward repentance"

#### **Confession is a "Rest Of My Life" Pattern**

Luther 95 Theses: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' [Matt. 4:17], he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance" (1957:25).

### 4. The Result of Confession Is A New Heart

Zacchaeus - It is obvious that salvation has come to this house.

#### **Cleansed with Hyssop. This Promise is Fulfilled in Christ**

Hebrews 10:19-22 - Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

### 7 A's of Confession

1. **A**ddress everyone involved (All those whom you affected)
2. **A**void if, but, and maybe (Do not try to excuse your wrongs)
3. **A**dmit specifically (Both attitudes and actions)
4. **A**cknowledge the hurt (Express sorrow for hurting someone)
5. **A**ccept the consequences (Such as making restitution)
6. **A**lter your behavior (Change your attitudes and actions)
7. **A**sk for forgiveness