

David wrote Psalm 51 "when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba."

Introduction: The Box on the Porch

God has said that He forgives sin. Do I _____Him as much as I believe that screen?
This morning: how God forgives us and how _____He forgives.

How Much God Forgives

Psalm 51:1-2, 7, 9; 2 Samuel 12:13

v.1	*"According to the greatness of Your _____blot out my transgressions."*
v.2	*"Wash me _____from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin."*
v. 7	*"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than _____."*
v. 9	*"Hide Your face from my sins And blot out _____my iniquities."*

David had a record he could have brought. He measures what he asks for by how _____God's compassion is.
"I shall be clean." David is _____of it. He believed that if God washed him, he would be clean.
"The LORD also has _____away your sin; you shall not die" (2 Samuel 12:13).
We asked God to forgive a thing years ago and we are still _____it around as though He never did.

The Heart That Asks

Psalm 51:3-4, 16-17

"For I know _____transgressions, And my sin is ever before me" (v. 3). Five times in three verses.
God is "justified" and "blameless" (v. 4). David has quit _____himself.
"A broken and a _____heart, O God, You will not despise" (v. 17).
A proud man wants to be forgiven on his own _____. A broken man asks what God wants and then he does it.
The second question: do I _____God enough to do what He says? He has told us how He gives the gift.

Acts 2:38	*"Repent, and each of you be _____in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins"*
1 John 1:9	*"If we _____our sins, He is _____and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"*

"Then"

Psalm 51:12-13; 2 Samuel 12:5-6; Ephesians 4:32

"_____*I will teach transgressors Your ways"* (v. 13). It comes after the washing and after the clean heart.

Before	Over a lamb: *"surely the man who has done this deserves to _____"* (2 Samuel 12:5).
After	What he wants for the transgressor in Psalm 51: he wants him _____.

What changed in David between those two days? David had been forgiven.
"forgiving each other, _____as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Conclusion: Three Whys

Why believe Him?	Because of who He is. He did it for _____. He will do it for us.
Why do what He says?	Because that is what trust does. A sin that has not been forgiven is still _____.
Why forgive?	Because I have been forgiven. What reason do I have left to _____on to it?

KEY: _____people forgive people.

Do I believe God has forgiven me the way I believe that box will be on the _____?
And if I do, _____is it that I still haven't forgiven?

"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit." **Psalm 51:12**