

Psalm 51

Background

- This is the fourth of the seven penitential psalms (Pss 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143)
- These are psalms of lament.
- The context is David's sin with Bathsheba, murder of Uriah (2 Sa 11:1–12:25), and the prophet Nathan's subsequent rebuke of David.

Outline

A. Prayer for Individual Restoration (vv. 1–2)

B. Confession and Contrition (vv. 3–6)

C. Prayer for Restoration (vv. 7–12)

D. Thanksgiving (vv. 13–17)

E. Prayer for National Restoration (vv. 18–19)

Big Idea

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