

August 6
Psalm 51

The Confession

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
a broken and a contrite heart,
O God, thou wilt not despise.**

Great Psalms Scroll, c. A.D. 30-50
Found 1956, Qumran, Dead Sea
more on this in Psalm 1 presentation



Nathan Confronts David, 1797
by Angelika Kauffmann (1741-1807)



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Psalms – Songs to or about God

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Theme

**The realization of sin should move us
to confession and repentance**

Psalm 51

Inscription –

Nathan Confronted David

1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

6-13 Plea for Cleansing – Create a Clean Heart

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Key Verse Psalm 51:17

**The sacrifices of God are
a broken spirit:**

**a broken and a contrite heart,
O God, thou wilt not despise.**





Alternate Title #1

Broken

But Not Out

Most know something ...

Who here has NOT felt the Broken Heart?

It is possible there is such a blessed life who has not...

but I think their tribe is very small

Or they are very young and inexperienced



Alternate Title #2

The Most Broken Man

While evil ... even in His own time

And there have been worse things done

**We are hard pressed to find ANYONE who expressed
his sorrow for his wrong any better than did David**



Psalms 51 – Alone

The Enchanted Forest

Usually alone
Weeping Willow stands
Branches drooping
Almost as though sad, crying

Yet ... is Psalm 51 a Weeping Willow?

Psalm 51 stands alone in the **Enchanted Forest**

Willows need a **MOIST** climate to thrive!





Psalms 51 – Alone

The Enchanted Forest

**There are 400 species
There are few, if any persons
Especially no adult
Who goes into maturity**

Without some amount of weeping ...

No matter what species, tribe or race

Weeping Willow of Sorrow Comes

I'm going to go out on a limb here
Get it? ... in the **Enchanted Forest?**
... **“on a limb”?**

WHAT WE SAY



Another reason I am NOT a
Real fan of WWJD ...
NOT what Jesus asked

PROBABLY MORE ACCURATE



**JESUS WOULD PROBABLY NOT
HAVE GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO THIS
SITUATION IN THE FIRST PLACE**

Jesus said, “LOVE God ... etc.”

Want more on WWJD?

See my book ...

[Introduction to Love's Golden Treasures](#)

1. Love's Gauntlet—the USS Pueblo History

[2. Love and Ethics Mulched by WWJD](#)

3. Love and Evil Rain—Endure

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5. Love Is Absolute

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10. Love a Human Struggle with Time

11. Love, Lying, and Truth

12. Love Struggles to Find a Way

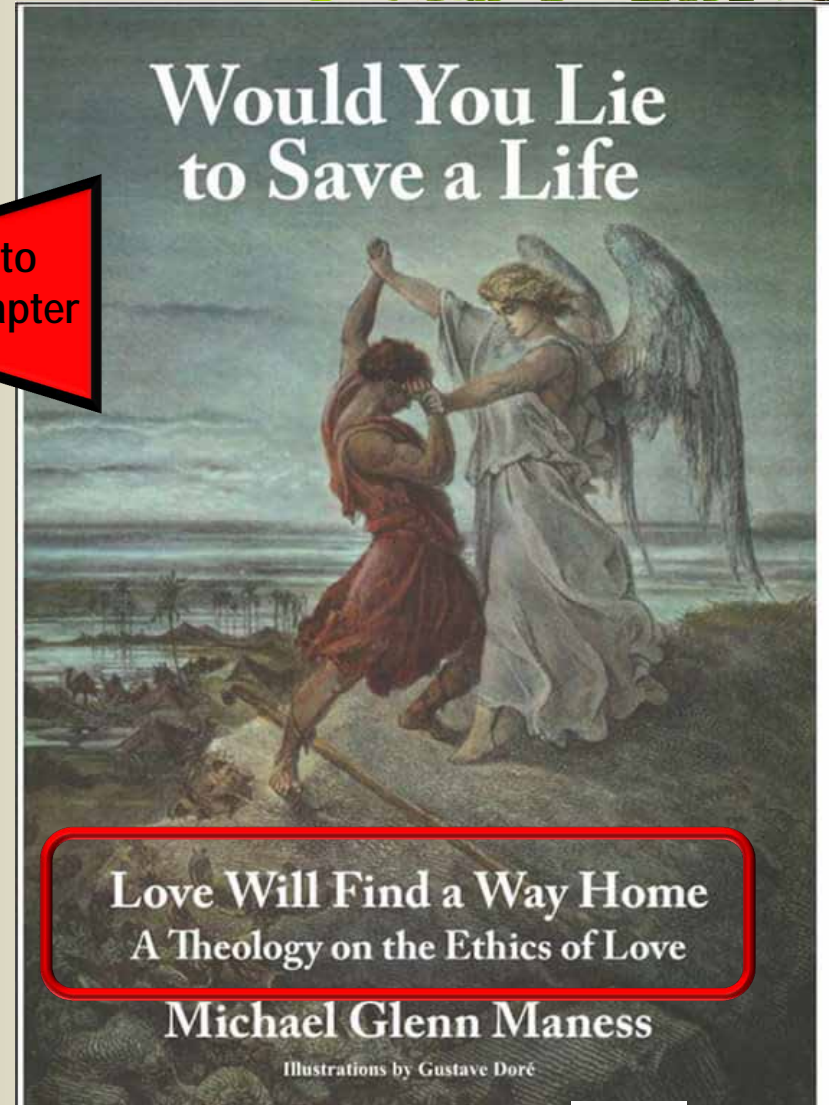
13. Love Masters the Teleological in Time

14. Love's Uncharted Islands of Responsibility

15. Love Will Find a Way

[Epilogue--Love's Gold Train through Time](#)

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***Inscription* – Nathan Confronted David**

Psalm 51 has an inscription ...

wish all were as informative as this one

For the choir director. A psalm of David,
when Nathan the prophet came to him
after David had gone to Bathsheba.

Almost as famous as David & Goliath is

David & Bathsheba

Narrative of that great tragedy ... that God nevertheless blessed ...

PART 1 – 2 Sam. 11:1-27 David Takes Bathsheba & Kills Uriah

PART 2 – 2 Sam. 12:1-25 Nathan's Sheep Parable—*You're the Man!*

Psalm 51 is David's Awakening Prayer



***Inscription* – Nathan Confronted David**

Psalm 51's inscription ...
informs of the clarity of the link too
when Nathan the prophet came to him
after David had gone to Bathsheba.

This phrase “gone to Bathsheba” means what you think
Almost exactly the same words used in:

Gen. 6:4 – Sons of God *went to the* daughters of men and had
children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Gen. 16:2 -- Sarai said unto Abram ... I pray thee, *go in unto* my
maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her.... He did.

2 Sa. 11:4 – David sent messengers, and took Bathsheba; and
she came in unto him, and *he lay with* her.



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Psalm 51 opens with a plea for mercy ...

¹ Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, Blot out my rebellion.

² Wash away my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 51 is one of the **Seven Penitential Psalms**

6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Flavius Magnus Aurelius Cassiodorus Senator
(c. A.D. 485–585) -- Roman statesman at start of
the Dark Ages in Europe ...

retired, started a monastery – called **Vivarium** on the
Italian coast of Ionian Sea *between boot of Italy & Greece*



Cassiodorus Senator
(c. A.D. 485–585)

Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Cassiodorus* (c. A.D. 485–585)

Turned his scrupulous attention to Christian writing

His 6th century commentary *Expositio Psalmorum*

in which we first see the division of

Seven Penitential Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

only commentary on entire Psalter surviving from

the patristic era – or era of the Church Fathers

**He wrote while traveling to Constantinople, made the
capital of the old Roman Empire turned Byzantine Empire**

It would fall to the Seljuk Turks c. 1450



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(c. A.D. 485–585)

Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

**When Cassiodorus (c. A.D. 485–585)
retired from public life, he said in the preface
Of his *Expositio Psalmorum***

he avidly sought the honey of the Psalter

**Clifton J. Allen (1924-80) SBC scholar and editor for the
Sunday School Board for 30 yrs, on Psalm 51 said,**

**Most profound statement of what penitence
truly involves to be found in the Psalter, at least;
many would say in the entire Bible.**

**Psalm 51 ... the Weeping Willow of the Enchanted Forest
Alone, stately in its own right ... touching so many**



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51:18-19 Salutation – Prosper Zion

Notice the last 2 verses

**These are not addressed in our quarterly,
and for good reason as they so clearly appear ODD**

**¹⁸ In Your good pleasure, cause Zion to prosper;
build the walls of Jerusalem.**

**¹⁹ Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices,
whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on Your altar.**

Those are odd in Psalm 51 and oddly placed

Jerusalem was strong under David and Solomon

**It's the consensus this was added in the Exile
c. 500 B.C., a full 500 years after David**



**Either David wrote
Psalm 51 or not ...
If David, the walls
were HIGH**

Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Spurgeon* had a strong opinion of Psalm 51's inscription being truly of David hand ...

Countering those denying Davidic authorship:

**Their objections are frivolous,
the Psalm is David like all over.**

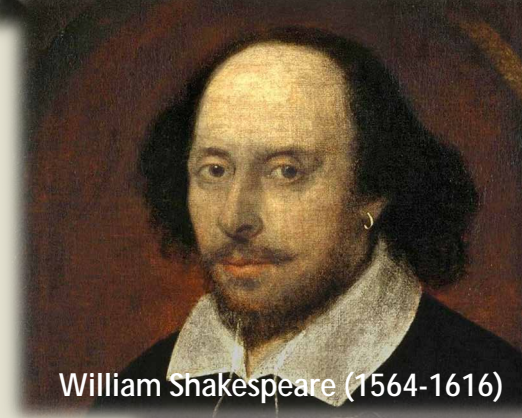
**It would be far easier to imitate Milton, Shakespeare,
or Tennyson, than David.**

**His style is altogether *sui generis* [class all its own]
and it is as easily distinguished as the touch of
Rafaele or the colouring of Rubens.**

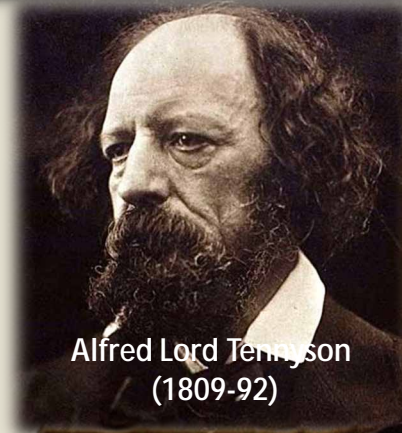
We would agree with the mighty Spurgeon ...



John Milton (1608-74),



William Shakespeare (1564-1616)



Alfred Lord Tennyson
(1809-92)

* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 51, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth



Spurgeon* on the psychology of Psalm 51, said

David had forgotten his psalmody while

he was indulging his flesh,

**but he returned to his harp when his
spiritual nature was awakened,**

**and he poured out his song to the
accompaniment of sighs and tears.**

We agree with the mighty Spurgeon ...

I suspect some of you know something of “sin”

Yet, the EVENTS spawning this Psalm deserve

manifold DRAMA that inspired this Psalm deserve a hearing!

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**¹ Be gracious to me, God,
according to Your faithful love;
according to Your abundant compassion,
BLOT OUT MY REBELLION. (KJV, Transgressions)**

² Wash away my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

**³ For I am conscious of my rebellion,
and my sin is always before me.**

Psalm 51 is the culmination of a great drama ...

An infamous DRAMA that is old and new ...

To some degree it spans the eras and spans ages ...

A man takes another man's woman



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth



There's a truth in Dolly Parton's song, *Jolene* (1974)

Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene

I'm begging of you ... please don't take my man

Jolene, Jolene, Jolene, Jolene

Please don't take him ... just because you can...

What's so sad about that is ... well ... **if Jolene CAN**

Dolly ought to let the fool go ...

If all it takes is the “batting eye” and the “shiny lipstick”

He was not much of a man to begin with ...

If Uriah the Hittite had known Dolly Parton ... he could have sung

“David, David, I'm begging of you ... don't take my Gal”

Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Immediately ... we see and know ... know well

1000 B.C. was a lot different ...

long before women had any rights at all ...

But you know what?

Women had feelings then ... and Men had feelings too

2 Sam. 11:1-27 **David Takes Bathsheba & Kills Uriah**

2 Sam. 12:1-25 **Nathan's Sheep Parable—*You're the Man!***

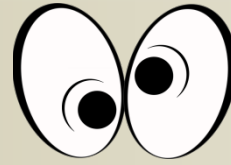
King David had 8 wives of record: Michal, Abigail, Bathsheba,
Ahinoam, Maacah, Haggith, Abital, and Eglah

2 Samuel 3:2–5
1 Chronicles 3:1–3

Then 2 Samuel 5:13 notes: After he left Hebron, David took MORE
concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more
sons and daughters were born to him.



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth



Here is the basic storyline

David looked out his window ... **SAW Bathsheba**

David went bonkers ...

The End ... **Bathsheba did not do anything**

Several striking elements ...

Bathsheba = “Daughter of the Oath” ... had no “say so”

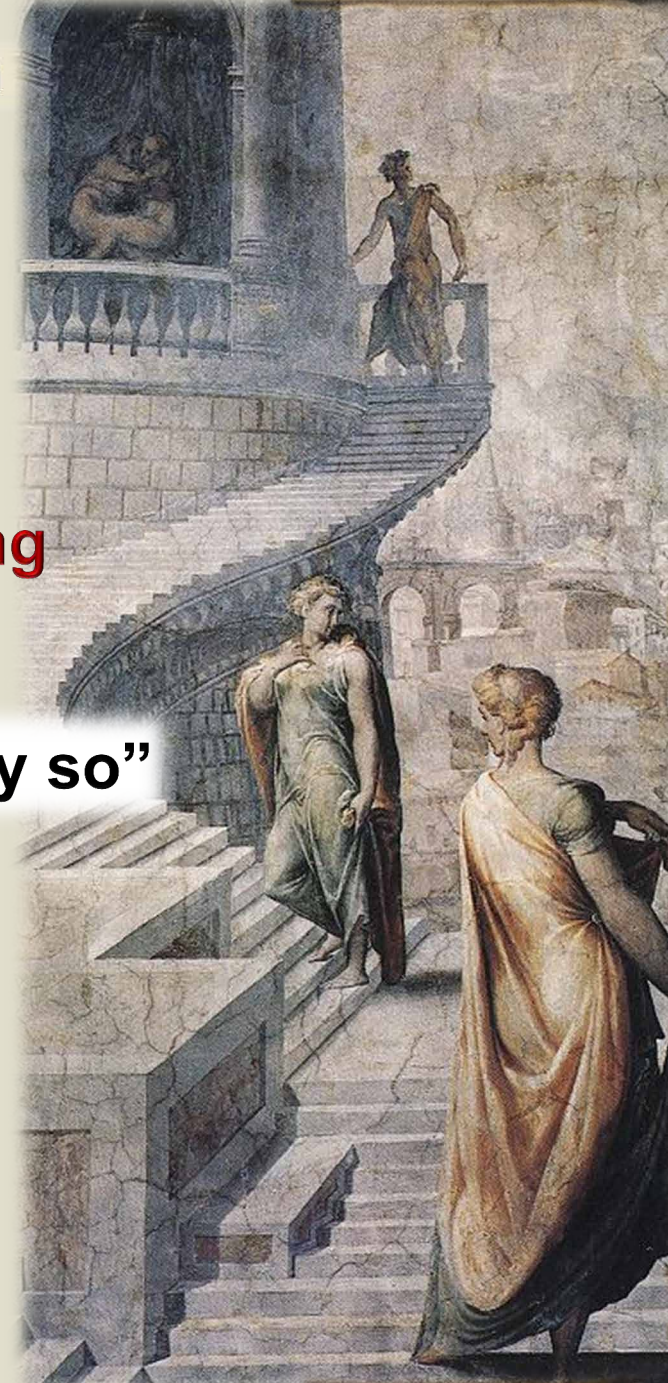
We might like to think well of David ... in that if she had said, “No” – he would not have ...

Yet – in that era ... how COULD she say “No”

“Wives” were GIVEN as gifts and rewards



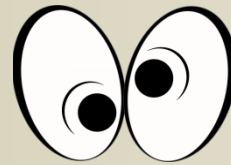
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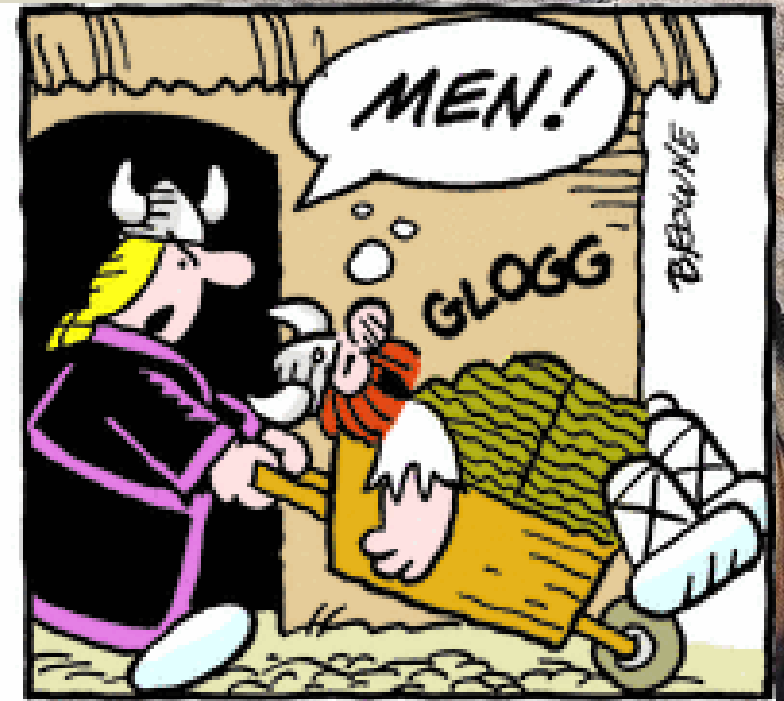
Psalm 51:1-5 **Guilty as Charged** – Sinful Since Birth

Ladies ... probably thinking

MEN



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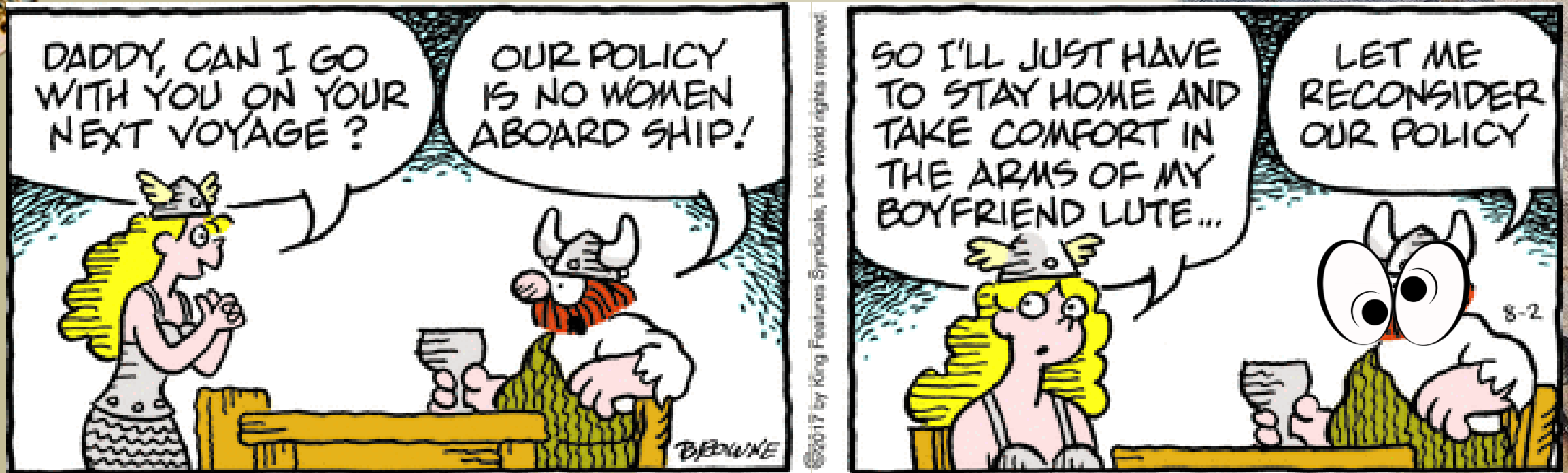


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Psalm 51:1-5 **Guilty as Charged** – Sinful Since Birth

Men ... their policy seems to change ...



When it is **THEIR** daughters ... some men get a bit **MANIACAL**

But with **OTHER** a people's daughters or sisters ...

See King David!



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

We would LIKE to deal with 2 Sam. 11-12 at length

Just a tad more ... to set the stage for Psalm 51

You know that Jesus is of the lineage of

David and Bathsheba ...

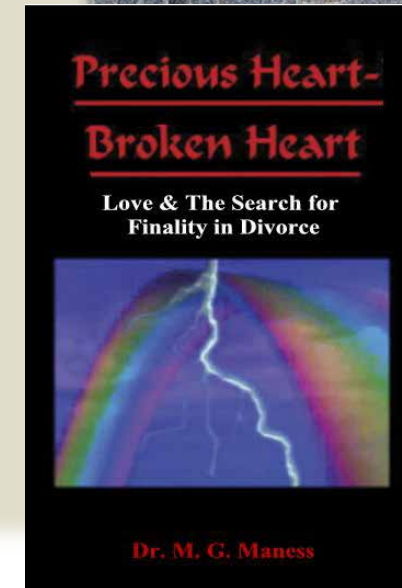
In my book, *Precious Heart – Broken Heart*

On the grief peculiar and unique to divorce ...

Hear this ... **SOMEHOW ...** the “marriage” of David and Bathsheba became sanctified in **God's Eyes**

Jesus was the legitimate heir ...

Despite the horrendous circumstances ...



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

That is ... for the DIVORCED person ...

Man or Woman ... no matter ...

No matter where you CAME FROM ...

No matter how BAD your previous marriage ...

No how many marriages you had ...

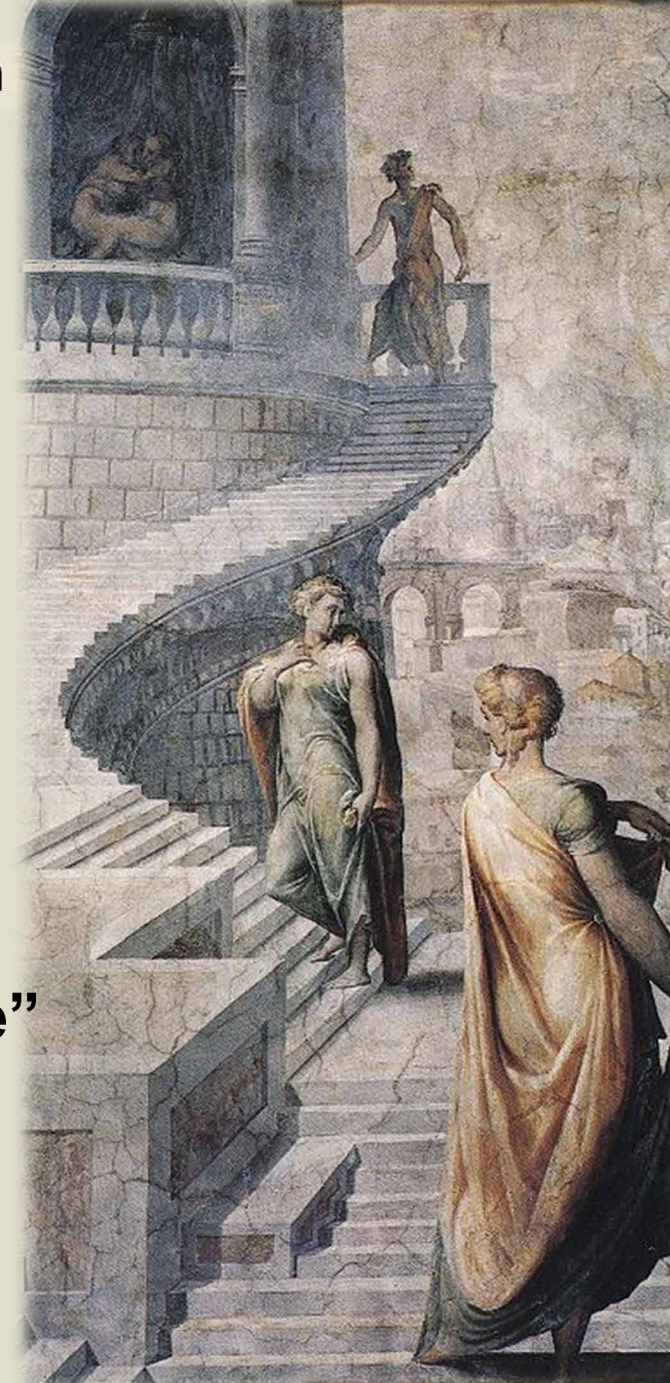
No matter ... YOUR CURRENT MARRIAGE

Can be Sanctified by God

**That is—in the DRAMA leading up to the “marriage”
of David & Bathsheba ... what?**

We have nearly the worst scenario imaginable!

Except ISIS & pure slavery



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Listen CLOSELY ... this is critical to know
Even by today's SECULAR standards ...

I know of no other more twisted, sordid, scabby,
conniving manner in which **David STOLE Bathsheba!**

After the one-night stand, he sent for Uriah ...

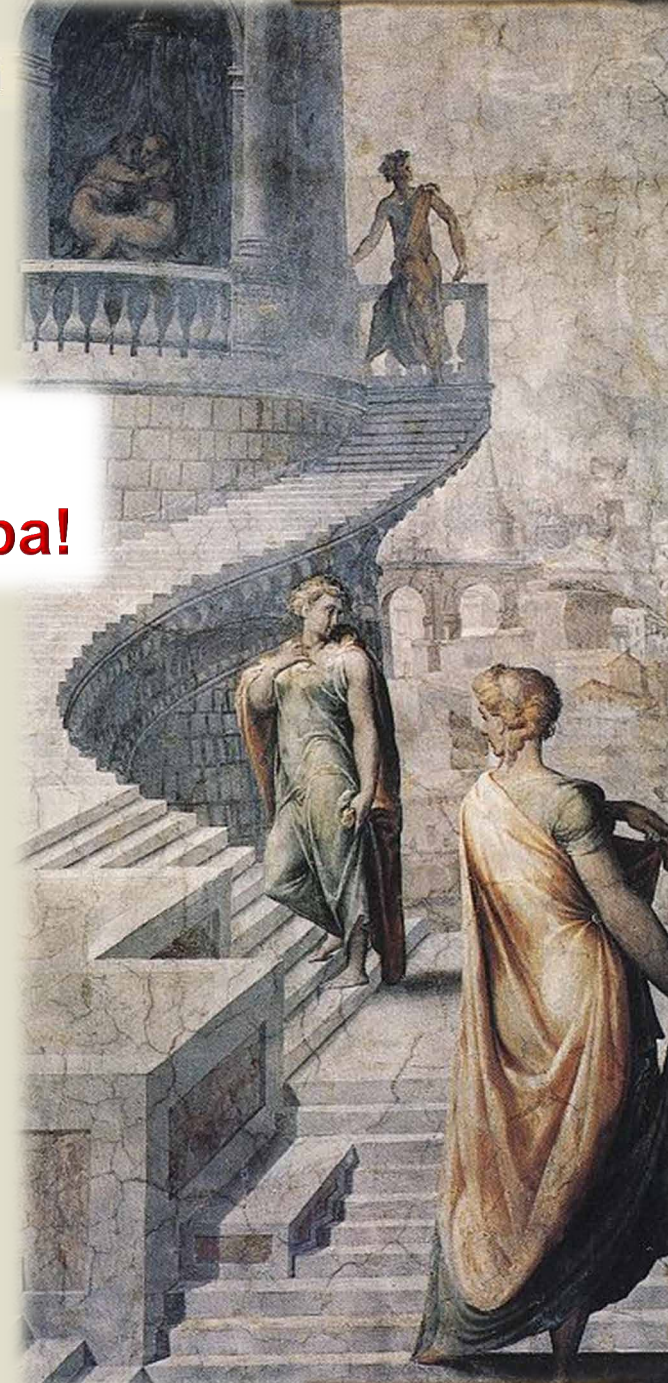
Now Uriah ... why did he NOT go home.

Not just for sex ... **but go HOME to show he
was still alive during a great battle?**

Still no excuse ... David had Uriah KILLED.

That is one mighty twisted tale

Then ... enter Mighty Nathan!



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Prophet – Pastor Nathan ENTERS ...

By now ... EVERYONE KNOWS!

Town Gossip is charging for an audience

KING David CAN get away with MURDER!

**The heart of 2 Sam. 11-12
comes to us with Nathan.**

**We are sure Nathan did more elaboration in his
wonderful analogy ... his pristine illustration ...**

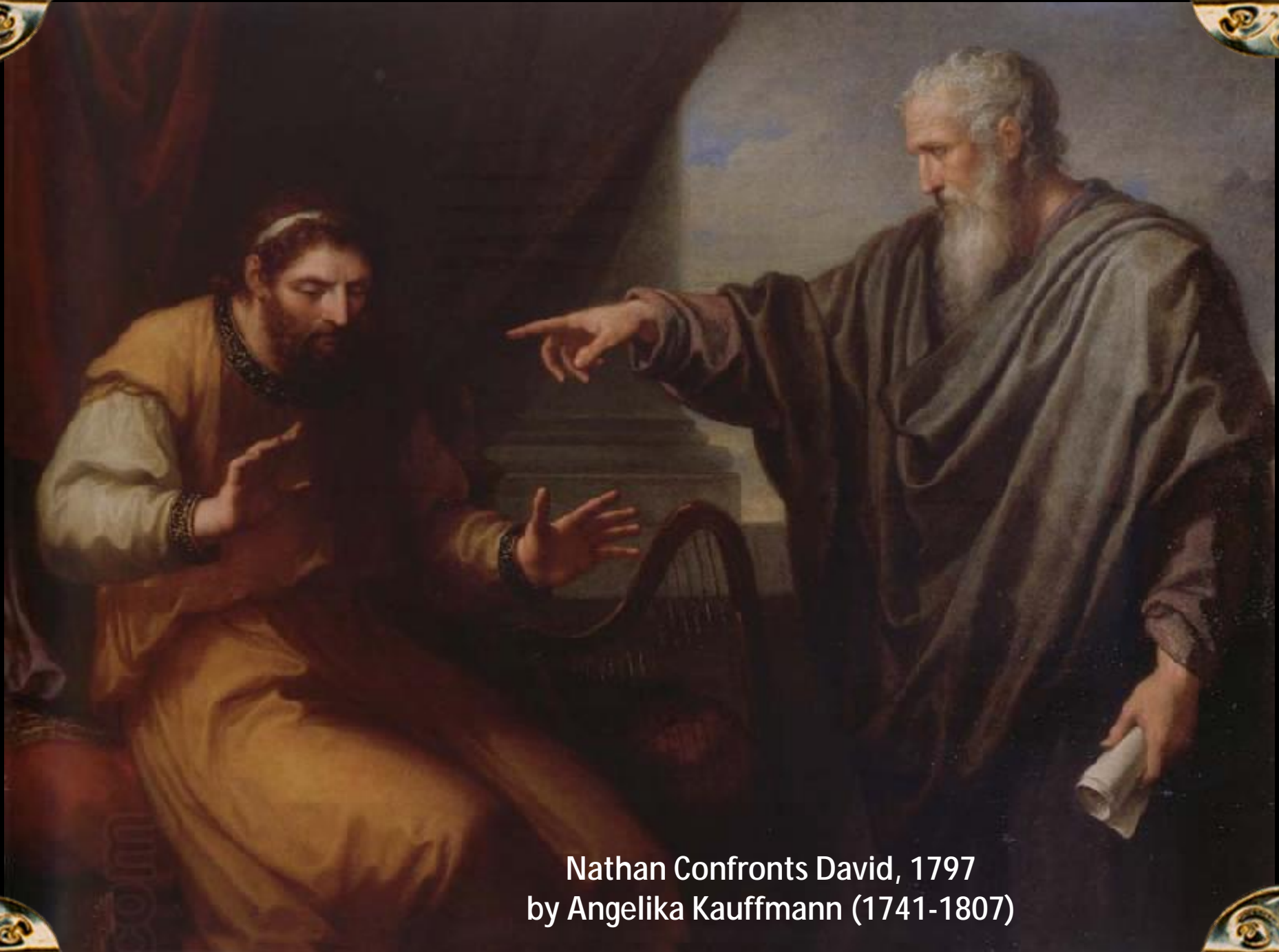
Nathan's dialogue here ... courageous, pointed ...

Nathan's SERMON here to David might rank as the

GREATEST SERMON EVER



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Prophet – Pastor Nathan ENTERS ...

He does what FEW Pastors will do today

Go to the President of the United States

Oh no ... to the President of Russia

Oh no ... to the President of _____

Nathan goes to the KING ... KING DAVID

Who KILLED Goliath ... routed enemies ...

Killed 1,000s across the land ... Men, Women, Children ...

In some enemy camps ... he killed little puppies too ...

But, I don't think Nathan was truly afraid of David

There is another element here ...



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Prophet – Pastor Nathan ENTERS ...

He tells David a story ... as though true.

David thinks Nathan's story is TRUE

A poor man has a sheep

dearly loved sheep that was his pet

Rich man wants to party

Rather than kill his own sheep

Rich, powerful man TAKES

He takes the POOR MAN's sheep for his party

Nathan *knows* David does not tolerate BULLIES in his kingdom

Nathan knows David enjoys TAKING OUT bullies



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Then we see and feel David's heart
Immediately ... as if someone threw
As if someone through gasoline on a fire
King David's anger rises

King David's righteous indignation FLAMES up

Nathan KNEW ...

Pastor-Prophet Nathan KNEW ...

the parable of the Wronged Poor Man
would get

King David's goat ...

Push ALL King David's buttons



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Prophet – Pastor Nathan ENTERS

Better than an attorney

Better than the best prosecutor

Hear the Magnificence of

psychological understanding

Nathan SETS David up

With David's righteous **ANGER FIRED**

Then ... perhaps with a calm voice

Nathan stabs with a knife ...

Nathan delivers the coup de grâce ...



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

In perhaps one of the most stunning ...
Perhaps the **SECOND** most stunning ...
Turns or twists of fate in all literature ...
Jesus' wise words to the crowd wanting
to stone the woman ... *the most stunning*
In one sentence, Jesus turns a hostile
crowd bent on murder ...

Nathan delivers the **2nd MOST STUNNING** address.

Then his coup de grâce in a soft tone:

You are the man!



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2 Sam. 11-12



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Any other King ... Nathan would die
Nathan knew David ... David's heart!
David's world turned upside down

SAME inflaming anger ...

SAME readiness to KILL a thug ...

**SAME fire in King David's heart that
drove him to face Goliath ...**

**SAME stabbing pain that drives a righteous man to
brave the flames of a house to rescue his loved ones**

That heart **BURN** ... now twisted back ...

King David in a FLASH KNEW



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

**I doubt David ever thanked Nathan
Pastors rarely get thanked for such SERVICES
We are at a loss about the TIME ...
I wonder WHEN Nathan came ...
I guess Nathan came after Uriah's death
And BEFORE David “married” Bathsheba**



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

**When did David compose
this wonderful Psalm 51?**

**You know some of the BEST works come
Some of the most stunning pieces of ART
Some of the BEST songs of yore ...**

Come FRESH from GRIEF

Straight from

Conviction's Kiln



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Some of the most exquisite compositions
Come STRAIGHT from the COALS

Come HOT out of OVEN of DESPAIR

Come still BURNING from the CROSS

King David ...

Caught by Nathan –

NO!

Not at ALL



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Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

King David ...

King David was

CAPTIVATED by his own **HEART**

King David was

WRESTLED to the basement
by his own **SOUL**

Yes, yes ... Pastor Prophet Nathan ...

David's reply:

I AM THE MAN



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² Wash away my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me.

“I am the MAN,” says David’s ... his heart and soul *KNOWS*.

**“Guilty as charged,” says David’s burning soul.
But ... yet ... who knows ...**

**Who knows if KING David thought about his
own punishment ... “eye for eye”?**



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

If David be a sober man ... a truly wise man

Then he knows ...

² Wash away my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.

Only God ... GOD ALMIGHTY can wash away ...

Only GOD ALMIGHTY can cleanse THIS kind of sin.

Gentle Spurgeon* said,

**Many a murderer is more alarmed at the gallows
than at the murder which brought him to it.**

**The thief loves the plunder,
though he fears the prison.**



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth

Charles H. Spurgeon* then turns his point,

Not so David: he is sick of sin as sin;

**his loudest outcries are against
the evil of his transgression,**

and not against the painful consequences of it.

**When we deal seriously with our sin,
God will deal gently with us.**

**When we hate what the Lord hates,
he will soon make an end of it, to our joy and peace.**

**Psalm 51: ³ For I am conscious of my rebellion,
and my sin is always before me.**



Psalm 51:1-5 Guilty as Charged – Sinful Since Birth



Psalm 51 then opens the skylight ...

**⁴ Against You—You alone—I have sinned and
done this evil in Your sight.
So You are right when You pass sentence;
You are blameless when You judge.**

**⁵ Indeed, I was guilty when I was born;
I was sinful when my mother conceived me.**

David's murder of Uriah ... his stealing of Bathsheba

David's near blindness until Nathan speaks ...

His heart swirls and his soul twists ...

Some of these feelings have followed him

ALL his LIFE

Psalm 51:6-13 Plea – Create a Clean Heart

Psalm 51 ... King David pours out his heart

**⁶ Surely You desire integrity in the inner self,
and You teach me wisdom deep within.**

Spurgeon* knows ...

**Reality, sincerity, true holiness, heart fidelity,
these are the demands of God.**

He cares not for the pretense of purity ...

**Always has the Holy One of Israel
estimated men by their inner nature ...**

to him the inward is as visible as the outward ...



* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 51, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

Spurgeon* knows ...

**The love of the heart, the mystery of its fall,
and the way of its purification—**

this hidden wisdom we must all attain ...

**No one can teach our innermost nature
but the Lord ...**

**The Holy Spirit can write the law on our heart,
and that is the sum of practical wisdom.**

**He can put the fear of the Lord within,
and that is the beginning of wisdom.**



Charles H. Spurgeon, 1885
by Alexander Melville

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Psalm 51:6-13 Plea – Create a Clean Heart



That GREAT Knowledge ...

Solely the provenance of God's good will

Dispensed to us with great and generous tact

**⁷ Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

Terms of the Temple ... cleaning the soul ... then

**⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones You have crushed rejoice.**

Now let me ask you ... **“Bone Crushing”?**

You know you've experienced the depths of grief ...

when “Bone Crushing” is SOUL DEEP

Psalm 51:6-13 Plea – Create a Clean Heart

Soul Deep ... David reaches the heart of Psalm 51

**⁹ Turn Your face away from my sins
and blot out all my guilt.**

**¹⁰ God, create a clean heart for me
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**¹¹ Do not banish me from Your presence or
take Your Holy Spirit from me.**

Zenith of our sorrow turns northward ...

If I am to clear all ... or be rid of this pain ...

It will be God who CREATES the clean heart

God who renews the steadfast spirit.

King MAN ... cannot do it alone.



Psalm 51:6-13 Plea – Create a Clean Heart

Herein ... we find this jewel bears repeating

**¹⁰ God, create a clean heart for me
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Ahh ... can imagine ... David uses here “**create**”

It is the same word Moses used in Genesis

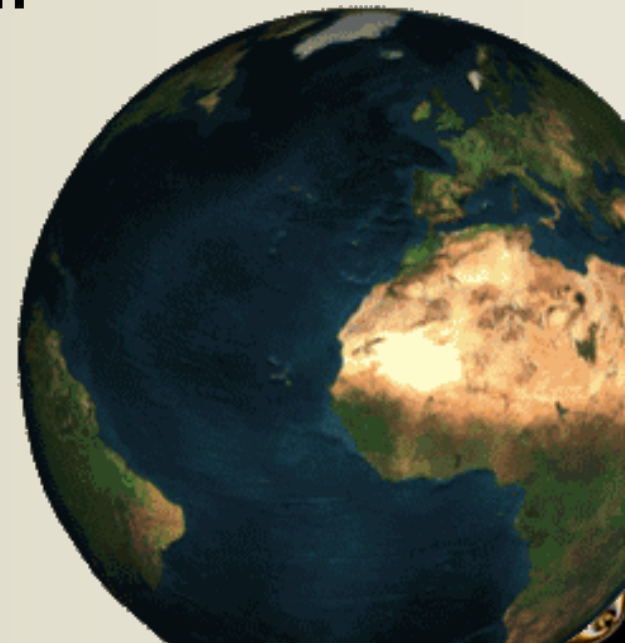
Same word God used ... inspired Moses to use when
God created the world from NOTHING

Out of nothing ... God created the world

David looks into his heart of hearts ... his soul

He sees NOTHING ... not the heart David desires

David has seen his heart too often violent



Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

David ... great artist that he was ...

Looks within ... with 1,000 ... 2,000 psalms already written ... with only God knows how many melodies

David ... knows his darkness ... all wise men do

Therein ... with the same words as Moses ... ah

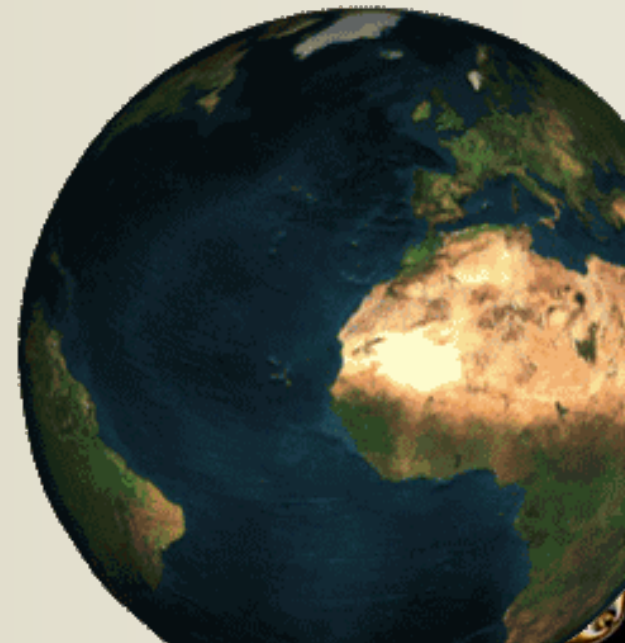
With the same words GOD used that Moses wrote

**¹⁰ God, CREATE a clean heart for me
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

God ... author and finisher of our salvation

God ... source of LOVE and LIFE

God ... who raises the DEAD to LIFE



Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

God who will in the end ... **Create a New World**

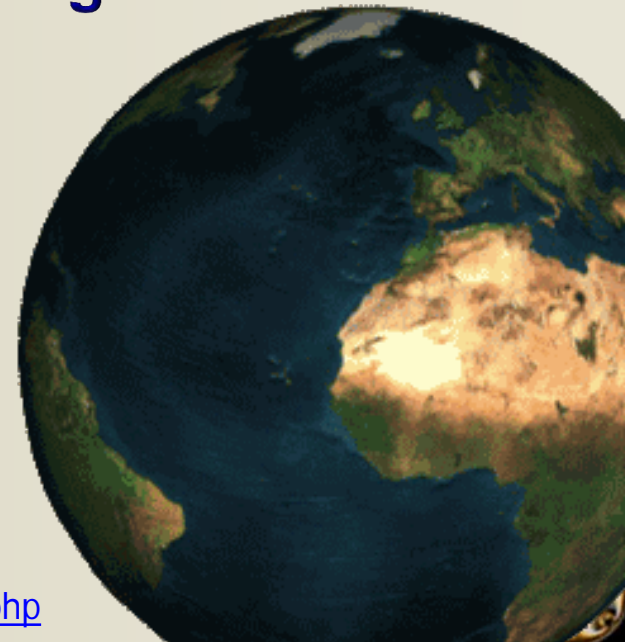
Prayer ... perhaps one of the most noble

¹⁰ **God, CREATE a clean heart for me
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Spurgeon* so powerfully builds this

David would have the old man buried as a dead thing ...

**None but God can create either a new heart
or a new earth. Salvation is a marvelous
display of supreme power ...**



* *Treasury of David*, Psalm 51, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>

Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

Spurgeon* so powerfully builds this
the work *in* us as much as that *for* us
is wholly of OMNIPOTENCE.

The affections must be rectified first,
or ALL our nature will go amiss.

Then Spurgeon in another exquisite metaphor

The heart is the rudder of the soul,
and till the Lord take it in hand
we steer in a false and foul way.

Spurgeon so eloquent ... tender & true

* Treasury of David, Psalm 51, <http://archive.spurgeon.org/treasury/treasury.php>



Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

Not a repentance with words

Not a repentance by Evangelical Formulae

But a repentance of the soul

A turning northward of the broken heart

Not by mere will ... nor by mere voice

But by the heart CAUGHT by GOD ... seeing

A precious SOUL enlightened by GRACE ... then

**¹² Restore the joy of Your salvation to me,
and give me a willing spirit.**

**¹³ Then I will teach the rebellious Your ways,
and sinners will return to You.**



Psalm 51:6-13 **Plea** – Create a Clean Heart

I will tell you ... what you already know
Jesus even gave a splendid parable
The Prodigal Son ... wallowing the mire
When he came to his senses ...

**¹² Restore the joy of Your salvation to me,
and give me a willing spirit.**

When the Prodigal Son returned home ...
After the Father's embrace and reception of the ring
I will tell you ... what you already know so very well
When a man or woman comes to God – a **MIRACLE**
When repentance springs from the heart



MIRACLE

Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart

A confession like none other in the Bible
After renewal ... after **Grace has LIFTED the Soul**
After a New Heart and a steadfast Spirit ...
We still have our past life ... God forgives ...
Yet we frail humans ... struggle to forgive ourselves

**¹⁴ Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God,
the God of my salvation, and my tongue
will sing of Your righteousness.**

**¹⁵ Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will
declare Your praise.**

For fine church members here ... perhaps this is



Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart

Fine church members here ...

I do pray no one has gone through what David did

My history includes many years with some

**My history includes knowing some who have
come close to what David did**

Today, we call them CRIMINALS ...

We give them long sentences ...

Some have done WORSE than David

WORST—we send to the gas chamber

I do wonder ... if GRACE got a hold of any



Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart

Oh ... there are evil people ... too many

Some have done worse than David

Yet ... I am guessing ... **none HERE**

David's "sins" – rank right up there ...

Yet ... this wondrous **Weeping Willow**

Stands alone in our **Enchanted Forest**

Splendid testimony to the good graces

Of an Almighty God who can ... and still does

Create NEW Hearts inside of DARK HOUSES

That's the Gospel ... Good News



Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart



Psalm 51 ... confession like none other in the Bible

A confession ... almost like no OTHER in history

When we truly ... deeply ... heart feeling ... SEE

When we honestly ... SOULFULLY ... SEE

When we feel the BONE BREAKING sorrow

When we have been through HELL and BACK

When our hearts MELT and BONES ache from GUILT

Then ... ONLY then ... SOLELY then ... and THEN ALONE

Can we in full dress and rightly attired come to

the sweet conclusion of Psalm 51

Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart

Sir Richard Baker* (1568–1645), who wrote
Chronicle of the Kings of England

it were easier for me to give him bullocks
for sacrifice, than to give him my heart.

Spurgeon* nearly breaks into song on this last verses:

When the heart mourns for sin,
thou art better pleased than when
the bullock bleeds beneath the axe.

"A broken heart" ... implying deep sorrow



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Psalm 51:14-17 Deliverance – A Contrite Heart

Spurgeon* continues

**So excellent is a spirit humbled
and mourning for sin,
that it is not only a sacrifice,
but it has a plurality of excellences,
and is preeminently God's *sacrifices*.**

Near the end ... toward the last two verses ...

Have we not travelled through the SOUL of King David?

From total ignorance of his own inner soul

David's soul REVEALED to him in a parable from Nathan



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David's SOUL was laid out before him, King of Israel
Naked and bare ... cut open ... Nathan's work done

David's entire LIFE passed before him ...

God was GOOD to us ... so GOOD to us ...

God allowed David—Sweet Psalmist of Israel—to put into song

God *inspired* ... perhaps even *goaded* David ...

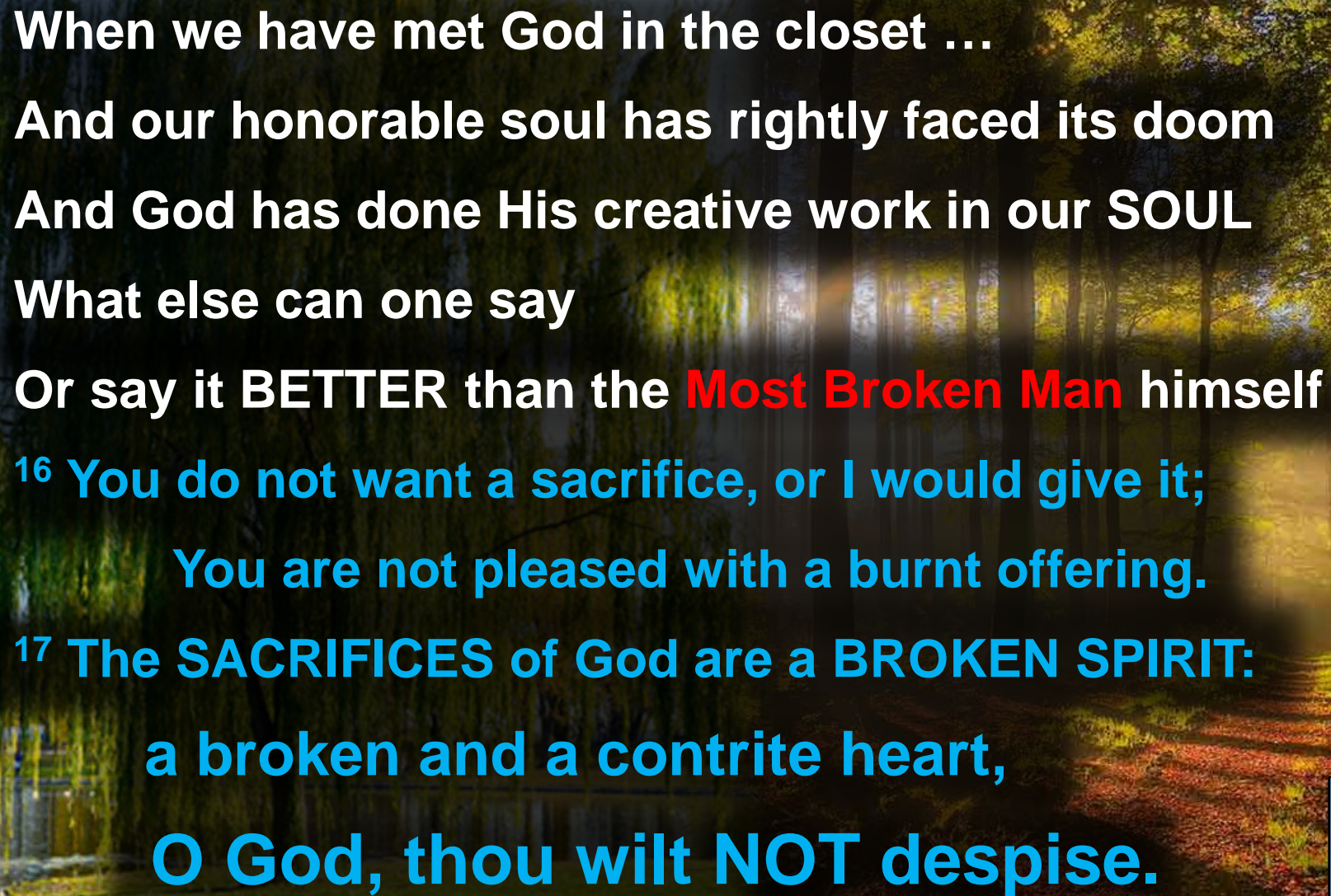
You know this, too ... so true ... the ARTIST cannot contain

David spun for us this exquisite Psalm 51 ...

In our Enchanted Forest ...

the lonely Weeping Willow closes with solitary class





When we have met God in the closet ...
And our honorable soul has rightly faced its doom
And God has done His creative work in our SOUL
What else can one say
Or say it BETTER than the **Most Broken Man** himself
¹⁶ You do not want a sacrifice, or I would give it;
You are not pleased with a burnt offering.
¹⁷ The SACRIFICES of God are a BROKEN SPIRIT:
a broken and a contrite heart,
O God, thou wilt NOT despise.



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