Psalms 51-54 (Week 18)

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1 A Prayer of Repentance

- Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your loving kindness, according to the multitude of your tender mercies.
- Create me in a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These, O God, you will not despise.
- The doctrine is not only contrary to the general teaching of the Bible, but it's not taught by this verse.
- It shows that the conditions described by David were dated at and after his birth.
- This will disprove the doctrine that the stain of sin is attached to a person before he is born.

2 Why Do You Boast in Evil

- Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.
- But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- They have been boastful of their wrongdoings while David repented of his in bitterness.
- It would be bad enough were a man to put evil and good on a par with each other in one's estimation it is much worse when he prefers the evil.

3 The Fool Has Said There Is No God

- The fool has said in his heart there is no God they are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity.
- There is none who does good no not one.
- Belief in the existence of God is the strongest of motives for a righteous life.
- By that token we should not be surprised to see the atheists as a class of unrighteous men.

4 Behold, God Is My Helper

Psalm 54

- Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your strength.
- Behold, God is my helper. The Lord is with those who uphold my life.
- I will freely sacrifice to you. I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- David proposed to make an offering that would cost him something.
- The motive that was expressed for sacrificing to God was reverence for his good name.

MY NOTES