19-Psalms-22-Transcript

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welcome to another Wednesday night Bible study and I apologize that you cannot see me on the screen this evening and you're not going to be able to see any graphics or video I just have some technical problems and I have a very short window to record the study this evening so I have to just go ahead with the recording and God willing next week everything will be okay we're up to Psalm 51 will open with a word of Prayer and then get straight into the study Heavenly Father we come before your holy throne ever so grateful father there are billions of people on the earth there are billions of people that have lived on the earth and we are just so privileged to be among the few the select few that really have a desire to understand your word we thank you God for your loving kindness toward us and we pray that you'll bless our desire to study your word with an understanding and with deeper faith and wisdom we praise you Lord and we thank you we ask this blessing now in the holy name of Jesus Christ amen so some 151 this is a psalm that were very familiar with I will go ahead and read it and see if we can pull out a little bit more just in the context of our other studies particularly Isaiah and revelation so here we see that this Psalm is to the chief musician it's a psalm of David so we're in book two and there's a mix some of the Psalms are from David others are from we've

been with looking at the sons of korah we will see our south I've written some songs so there's different different or authors of these Psalms but this one is a song of David and this is when Nathan the prophet came unto him after he had gone into Bathsheba so just by way of context we'll go back to 2nd Samuel and this is not the passage I wanted let me just make a quick correction here I think it was chapter 12 yes yes so chapter 12 so here we see the Lord sent Nathan unto David and he came on to him and said unto Him this is 2nd Samuel 12 beginning in verse 1 so Nathan says to David there were two men in one city the one rich and the other poor the rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds but the poor man had nothing except one little lamb which he had bought and nourished up and it grew up together with him and with his children it did eat of his own meat and drank of his own cup and lay in his bosom and was unto him as a daughter and became a traveler unto the rich man and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto Him but took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man that was come to him and David's anger was greatly kindled against the man so Nathan did something very clever here to take it away from being something personal to David so that he wouldn't get defensive and blinded by his defensive message would we all have egos and can fall into this defensiveness instead he just made it about someone else that needed as the King David as the king would have to judge this matter and so he's listening carefully to the matter so that he can judge accordingly and his judgment comes

in verse 5 David's anger was greatly kindled against the man and he said to Nathan as the Lord lives the man that has done this thing shall surely die and he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity and that fourfold I should have actually brought that out of Deuteronomy David isn't just pulling this out of thin air he's basing this on the Torah his judgment is based on the Torah and Nathan said to David you are the man thus says the Lord God of Israel i anointed you king over Israel and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul and I gave you your master's house and your masters wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel gave you of them gave you the house of Israel and of Judah and if that had been to the I would have moreover have given unto you such and such things therefore or why have you despised the commandment of the Lord so he broke the commandment he beated the actual law of God why have you broken the commandment the Word of God to do evil in his sight you have killed Uriah the Hittite so this is murder that you've murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword and you've taken his wife to be your wife this is adultery now so it's murder and adultery you've taken his wife to be your wife and you have slain him with the sword of the children of ammon why have you done this thing now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house because you have despised me and I've taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife thus says the Lord behold I will raise up evil against you out of your own house and I will take your wives before your eyes and give

them unto your neighbor and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this son for you did this secretly but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the Son and David said unto Nathan I have sinned against the Lord so he just comes to see himself maybe you know sometimes people we can get into this situation where we don't face ourselves we we just keep running keep ourselves busy and we just don't want to face ourselves but here David now confronts himself or Nathan helps him to confront himself and he sees himself for what he is and he said unto David I have sinned against the Lord and Nathan said unto David the Lord also has put away your sin you shall not die so there's something in the repentance of David that Nathan sees that the Lord sees it and and Nathan communicates to David the Lord's response that he will not die however

because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme the child also that is born unto you shall surely die and Nathan departed unto his house and the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David and it was very sick and we know ultimately it dies so that's the context for Psalm 51 let's continue now in the psalm so it begins now have mercy upon me O God so the king is in a very desperate situation and he's pleading with God to have mercy upon him have mercy upon me O God according to thy loving-kindness according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions so notice how the song begins it begins with David the king pleading for mercy from God and it's mercy he's very intelligent in how he's

asking for the mercy he says according to York has said according to your loving-kindness according to your covenant love so David has an understanding of God's covenant love and that this covenant love of you so if we study the Torah carefully and we've been referencing it many times that this covenant love goes beyond the flaws of the individual in fact that the flaws of the individual cannot withstand covenant love that that despite you know in in Malachi chapter 1 despite Jacobs wickedness the people of Israel God tells them that he loves them and they don't understand how what's the proof that that he loves them and he says Jacob I've loved but Esau I've hated and he goes back to the Covenant that he saw despised the Covenant and Jacob has the covenant love and so it's according to this covenant love that David has this confidence that he can appeal to God for mercy according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out my transgressions and so here we are in the Old Testament and we're speaking of God's grace that grace is not something new it that door just comes in the New Testament the New Testament is just a continuation of what rooted in the Old Testament and so God is a God full soul is full of a multitude of tender mercies and according to those tender mercies David is appealing that God blot out his transgressions he says wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin so he's acknowledging is his transgressions his iniquity and his sin cleanse me from my sin and so this he sees that God has the ability to wash him to take this iniquity that's in his heart and completely wash it away and to

cleanse him completely from his sin and again this is Old Testament and when we go to the New Testament in fact we see how the whole story ends here in Revelation we were in chapter when we study Revelation remember chapter 1 and verse 5 that this is from Jesus Christ who is the faithful witness and the first begotten or the firstborn of the Dead and the prince or the chief of the kings of the earth unto him that loved us and noticed and washed us from our sins in his own blood so David had this understanding of this ability to have his iniquities completely washed away and in this view that God is full of mercy and we see that this is possible because of the ability of God to come as that perfect lamb and to be sacrificed as that perfect Passover lamb and that blood then to - to wash that iniquity away from us and so also it continues in chapter 7 when when John hears the hundred and forty-four thousand counted out and he turns in if you were not with us for the study of Revelation I'd encourage you to look into our archives and study this wonderful book of Revelation and get clarity about what's here but when we did study and we saw John

in Revelation 70 here's the 144,000 12,000 counted out from each tribe and then he turns and he sees this great multitude and he said me NS 17 sir so he's asked who are these and he says sir you know and he said unto me these are they which came out of Great Tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb that's where the the cleansing comes from it comes from the blood of the Lamb and there's gonna be not just David but many were able to bring bring themselves

to true repentance and many in Israel and grafted into Israel who are able to claim the lamb the blood of the Lamb and wash our iniquities in that blood so he goes on in Psalm 51 for I acknowledge my transgressions and my sin is ever before me so here he completely ignores not trying to hide it maybe he went through a period where he was hiding it but now he's just know he's gonna be transparent with the Lord and acknowledge he's a murderer

he's an adulterer he's a liar he's a schemer all of this he brings to God and he puts it in front of him and he doesn't hide from it and then he says this against you you only have I sinned so we can see very clearly that the breaking of the law is a sin against God yes others are harmed and certainly Uriah was killed and his family suffered loss and even the child died as a result of his actions

but the sin is against God against you you only have I sinned and done this evil in your sight imagine that having to face the holy God and acknowledge before the holy God the evil that we've done right in front of him defying him defying his law defying his word defying his Commandments right in his sight David acknowledges it and then he says that you might be justified when you speak and be clear when you judge whatever the judgment is that comes down from God God is a God of righteousness and David is saying he has absolutely no defense whatever God rules david has no defense there's no righteousness in david to defend himself and paul quotes this exact passage in romans three and he says God forbid yes verse four let God be true but every man a liar and we have

to just hold on to this God is always true God is right God is righteous men are liars and so we always uphold the Word of God over man we always defend God's judgment over men and then Paul says this yeah let God be true and every man a liar as it is written this is what's written any quotes now Psalm 51 that you might be justified in your sayings and might overcome when you are judged and that's exactly what David says that you might be justified when you speak and be clear when you judge that no man can say no well God is wrong because verse five behold he says I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me and so you know this this shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me I think rather than getting into this doctrine of original sin and people are born with this original sin really if we look at Isaiah that just becomes clear what he's saying here again he's thinking he's the king of Israel he's looking he's able to think at a national level and he's looking at the nation of Israel and in Isaiah 43 verse 25 the Prophet writes I even I a God says I even I am he that blots out your transgressions why does he do it for my own sake so this this covenant that he's in he's not going to break the covenant and so because of his adherence and loyalty to the Covenant he's going to blot out the transgressions of Israel for his own sake and and will not remember your sins in verse 26 put me in remembrance let us plead together declare you that you may be justified your first father has sinned this is going all the way back to Jacob the father of Israel your first father has sinned and your teachers have

transgressed against me therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary and have given Jacob to the curse and Israel to reproaches so we can see here when David is saying as the king of Israel that here in Psalm 51 and verse 5 that he was shapen in iniquity he was born in a nation that departed from God that was not faithful to God so he was shapen in iniquity and in sin then the National rejection of God of the nation did my mother conceive me and so here he even when the nation was founded it was founded on a flawed man Jacob your first father has sinned and even your teachers have transgressed against me therefore I've profaned the princess of the sanctuary and a given Jacob to the curse so this is why Israel has been given to the curse and Israel two approaches yet now verse 44 chapter 44 verse 1 Isaiah yet now here Oh Jacob my servant and Israel whom I have chosen so there is a relationship here even though the nation is in sin even though the nation is in iniquity there is a covenant relationship yet now here o Jacob my servant in Israel whom I have chosen thus says the Lord that made you and formed you from the womb which helped you which will help you fear not o Jacob my servant so even though Jacob the nation from the womb is shapen in iniquity and born into sin because of the Covenant the Lord says the Lord that made you and formed you from the womb which will help you fear not o Jacob my servant and you and you gesture on whom I have chosen a we studied this why God refers to it and gesture I'm going back to Deuteronomy again if you look in the archives and look at Isaiah chapter 44 we be studied all of that back to Psalm 51 verse 6

behold godly says to God you desire truth in the inward arts this is his understanding he knows what God is looking for yet God does not want hypocrisy he wants us to be he that he knows were not perfect but he expects us to be transparent and to be open with him as David you can see how transparent this is recorded for everybody to read this is the he brings this forward he's not hiding it behold you desire truth in the inward parts and in the hidden part you shall make me to know wisdom so the real intimacy here between God and man between God and the man the king of Israel and certainly we can see this as a model of the relationship we should have with God that in the very inward parts God does not want to find hypocrisy he does not want to find falsehood he wants to find truth and in the hidden part he will make us to know wisdom just as he made David to know wisdom he goes on purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean wash me and I shall be whiter than snow and again revelation 7:14 where there are going to be multitudes that come through the tribulation and are going to be able to wash themselves in the blood of the Lamb and they shall they also shall be whiter than snow make me to hear joy and gladness that the bones which you have broken may rejoice hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities so it's quite quite a request here take all my iniquities and block them out don't let any of them remain create in me a clean heart and this word creates bara bara in the hebrew is the same word at the beginning in Genesis 1 in the beginning God created so so David understands there's a creative effort here that although physically he's fully

formed there's a creative effort that continues and it's in the inner man and the same way that he's asking God to create in him a clean heart we who have the Holy Spirit are going through the same creative process God is the creator and he continues to create today and he just as he created and David as he said David he's a man after my own heart he can create in us a clean heart create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me so so renew he he acknowledges that there was a time when he had a right spirit but then something happened and he he veered off-course and now he's asking God to restore him to renew that right spirit notice this cast me not away from your presence this is King David and you know this whole notion of once saved always saved it's just so horrible and taking God for granted if here David who has the Holy Spirit says cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me clearly there's a true risk he just finished saying that you desire truth in the inward parts and and he doesn't want any falsehood and so David wouldn't be saying this just just to go through the motions oh don't take your Holy Spirit from me even though I know that you never would because you know once saved always saved he's there's a real danger that David is in here and he's begging God don't cast me away from you even though this is what I deserve and if you judge this way you're you are justified in your judgment because I'm just in it full of iniquity but I'm pleading with you not to cast me away and not to take away your Holy Spirit from me that I have enjoyed this communion with you

but again if you'd if you were to take it away from me you would be right I'm a murderer

I'm a thief I'm a liar I'm an adulterer David is acknowledging all these sins and then he says restore unto me and Andrew and by the way as well it's interesting that you know the Holy Spirit is is is not new to the you know this is something that only Christians know about the new the Holy Spirit it's it's a New Testament phenomenon no no the righteous men of God have always known the Holy Spirit and never saw it as a third person in a Trinitarian Godhead it was always understanding that it's the force of God it's how God works with men it's how God works through the earth and so he doesn't want this Holy Spirit to be taken from him restore unto me

the joy of your salvation so again the same way that he needs a right spirit renewed within him he's also lost the joy there was a joy of God's salvation David understood this salvation but he lost the joy of it so now he's asking God to restore the joy and uphold me with your free spirit and when all of that happens he says then will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto you so David again understands this is not just for him that as a result of this process that he's gone through and this experience of the depth of God's loving-kindness and the depth of his mercy that he is now in a position to really help others and to you know make lemon out of lemonade make lemonade out of lemons to turn this bitter and horrible situation around and give hope to others who will have fallen down and and wave you know wavered off the path that he can say you know I too

was there but this is a God of mercy this is a God of covenant this is the God of loving-kindness and so I know you restore me I'll I'll be able to teach transgressors your ways and this is what God wants God wants to be merciful with man and and the earth is full of transgressors well who's gonna teach them David saying I'll do this I'll teach transgressors your ways and sinners shall be converted unto you then he says deliver me from blood-guiltiness and and you can think you know we can think of able the loss of Abel and how Cain murdered him and how the earth received the blood of Abel and cried out and then and God says the life is in the blood and this is why Israel must not consume blood because the life is in the blood in fact it's why when they sin they have to bring this offering and slay it and empty out the blood because because there's a blood guilt that sin brings he says deliver me from guiltiness Oh God you god of my salvation and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness and that blood guiltiness again from the Torah Deuteronomy 19:21 where I hear I shall not pity life ghosts for life eye for eye tooth for tooth hand for hand foot for foot so David took a life and he has blood guiltiness and now he's pleading with God to deliver him from this blood guiltiness and and then he'll single out of God's righteousness he says in verse 15

Oh Lord open you my lips and my mouth shall show forth thy praise and yes it's coming from a skilled musician who's able to put all this to music and really inspire others with the beauty of praise my mouth shall show forth your praise for you desire not sacrifice or else I

would give it so he understands what God is looking for and if God was looking for sacrifice he's the king he would be able to gather all the animals and have a huge sacrifice to God if that you know that's what the pagan gods want because the the pagan priests when they have their these followers come and bring these different gifts and food items etc they know their God can't consume these things but they're the whole religion is about bringing all the wealth to the priests so that the God can consume these things but it's actually the priest who's gonna consume it and then the followers believe that somehow the God consumed it but this this God is different and he doesn't want burnt offerings that's not that's not the point that there's a whole reason why that whole system of worship was put in place but it's not just because God wants money from people he says you delight not in burnt offerings and this is the I think this is the difference between King David and King Saul the King David really understood what is the outcome of all of this what is it that God is actually looking for whereas King Saul was just into the ritual just into going through the motions and that's why I think it's white David was forgive for such a horrendous sin and soul was not hearing for samuel 15 and verse 11 God says to Samuel it repents me that I have set up Saul to be king for he is turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments while neither did David David broke the commandments of God as well but here there's a difference and it grieves Samuel and he cried unto the Lord all

night so Samuel had to carry out the judgment of God and sometimes we have to do this as as elders and people don't know how we might suffer and in crying to the Lord all night but still the Lord's will has to be done and Samuel came to Saul and Saul said unto Him blessed be you of the lure so he's going through the motions going through the appearance this is all I call it church theater this is all theater to solve blessed be you of the Lord I have performed the commandment of the Lord well no you haven't but he wants to let's let's have this show this play of righteousness so Samuel Oschin why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord but did fly upon the spoil and did evil in the sight of the Lord so you're saying you obey but you didn't and Saul said unto Samuel yes I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have gone the way which the Lord sent me and have brought a guide the king of Amalek and have actually destroyed the Amalekites so that was the instruction was to destroy everything but he's keeping the King alive but the people took up the spoil sheep and oxen the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed so the people did this to sacrifice unto the Lord your God who Gilgal so they put David understood that God does not desire sacrifice just for the sake of sacrifice Saul thinks this is gonna please God hey hey you know it's good idea so keep the best of everything but it should have been actually destroyed but they've kept it to sacrifice to the Lord God in Gilgal and Samuel said has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in

obeying the voice of the Lord this is not a game saw God is after you're at the heart of the people and he's looking for true conversion and obedience to his voice not theatre behold to obey is better than sacrifice and this is what David understood that Saul did not understand behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry because you have rejected the word of the Lord he has also rejected you from being king so David was forgiven Saul is not forgiving because of this hypocrisy and not understanding what God is really after and Saul said unto Samuel I have sinned so now he's acknowledging finally he's acknowledging that he sinned just in ways you know David acknowledged that he sent here Saul is acknowledging that he sent and salsalin to Samuel I have sinned

for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words because I feared the people and obeyed their voice so we're getting somewhere now he's acknowledging that he sinned he's acknowledging that he's transgressed the commandment and he's telling why because he was afraid of the people and he obeyed their voice but now look at verse 25 so I've noticed that I've sinned and why now therefore now that we've got that done I'm begging you pardon my sin and turn again with me that I may worship the Lord so this is all theater to Saul it's like who really doesn't understand how how the depth of his iniquity and you see how David just pours himself out in front of God and understands that God is looking for truth in the inward parts and Saul seems

this seems just escapes all completely it's like okay yeah okay I repent sure let's just go in front of the people now I'm put on a bit of theater now therefore I beg you pardon my sin and turn again with me that I may worship that the Lord and Samuel said unto Saul I will not return with you for you have rejected the Word of God notice this that it sits still you this is a current state like this is this is something that you have you have done you've rejected the word of the Lord and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel so there is a really big difference between these two kings and in here in in Psalm 51 we get some insight into the the depth of repentance of David compared to the superficial theatrical repentance ritualistic repentance of Saul and and so I think these two Kings really represent for us two different models what kind of King will we be are we gonna be sort of like this Saul character who's just into image or like David who's really into the depth of the mind and heart like what what really is going on in the inner inner man and you know it's really interesting as a king that when you know people reject God so this this society rejects Jesus Christ doesn't anything to do with Christ so it's rejected Christ but now you have people in high offices who there's no God in their mind so they're they're the king or the Prince or the Queen or the President or the Speaker of the House or whatever the high position they have a chairman of the above the intelligence committee whatever high office they have and they don't answer to anybody they're not afraid of what happens after they die and so they can just run roughshod

and do whatever they like and and and you know engage in pedophilia with young girls

young boys who cares these are just peasants to me and here David engaged in an act of one with one of his subjects and and destroyed his life and then he had to face God and and this is what if you remove God from society then the whole society is heading to nothing but oppression and wickedness because there are no checks and balances there's no accountability but here you have the highest person in the land the king of Israel this great nation of Israel the coming into you know this under David and then under Solomon there's grand position on the earth and David is king over this nation but he has a king over him

and so to see to see a king with this level of brokenness before God and he was a great king and this is you know I fear for us in a society that rejects God and has these people who think that they they're answerable to nobody but David understood that the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit this this is the difference between Saul and David so I was like oh you know we thought it was a good idea if we have all these animals and we can make a big theatrical production of repentance before God and have sacrifices to him no David says the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit it's a broken spirit a broken and a contrite heart and really whenever we see heart in the Old Testament we should think mind a broken and a contrite mind Oh God you will not despise he really understands what God is looking for and I've broken in a contrite mind God will not despise and now all of that is very personal between God and David but even

from the beginning when he began he beats you know he says have mercy on me O Lord your loving-kindness your your Cosette your covenant love and now he comes back to this covenant love as he closes closes this song and this is the context of his confidence in what he's asking for from God he says do good in your good pleasure unto Zion so here's a man that is broken before God understands what God is looking for but he also understands the plot line he has a line of sight to the finish line and he understands what God is doing that God has a covenant with Israel and that he has a plan for Zion and and here's the king he has failed God but God has not failed his plan and so he concludes the psalm saying do good in your good pleasure unto Zion build you the walls of Jerusalem and I think you know a lot of Christians will look at Psalm 51 and they'll even pray Psalm 51 up to verse 17 and then verses 18 and 19 mean nothing to Christians because we believe in replacement theology but I think really if we truly understand what God's plan is and our role in it and what God is doing we will always conclude our pleading for mercy with pleading for Zion and pleading for Jerusalem with an understanding of where this covenant is heading do you good in your good pleasure on design build you the walls of Jerusalem then shall you be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness with burnt offering and whole burnt offering then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar and again the difference between Saul and David Saul had no idea David understood where all of this is heading that that God will be established in Zion and that

the people will bring offerings to him in Zion and and His righteousness will spread from Zion all over the earth so just a wonderful psalm and just you know again that confidence that he has leads him to to pray in a way just look at look at how he prays they the number of imperatives that he's able to ask of God because of his understanding of the Covenant have mercy wash me cleanse me purge me wash me make me hide your face blot out my iniquities hide behind your face for my sins create in me a clean heart renew a right spirit cast me not away take not your Holy Spirit from me restore unto me your joy uphold me with your free spirit deliver me from blood-guiltiness open you my lips do God build the walls of Jerusalem so all of these imperatives and requests that David is making of God he's making them of God in the context of the Covenant that he understands what this covenant love is all about where it's all heading and that yeah he's one man but he's part of this and in the same way we're one man one woman one child also destined to wear the crown of victory also destined to be a part of this incredible plan that God has for Zion and so yes Lord do good and you're a good pleasure unto Zion build you the walls of Jerusalem what a beautiful song I think many of us will visit this Psalm it Passover time certainly it is also applicable to Atonement and throughout the whole year in our whole Christian walk Psalm 51 God willin will continue next week with Psalm 52 what a wonderful God we serve good night brethren god bless Jesus [Music]