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## PSALM 51— THE JOY OF GOD’S SALVATION THE FULLNESS OF FORGIVENESS, Part 1

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**INTRODUCTION:** *In the mercy and grace of God, even the worst of sinners can find full forgiveness: removal of condemnation, renewal of spirit (fellowship with God), and restoration to service for Him.*

**BACKGROUND:** 2 Samuel 11, 12

**A. THE BASIS FOR FULL FORGIVENESS IS FOUND IN WHO GOD IS, NOT IN WHAT WE HAVE OR HAVE NOT DONE, vs. 1-2**

1. Based on the nature of God
  - a. Mercy
  - b. Unfailing love
  - c. Compassion
2. David makes a plea for grace and full forgiveness

**B. CONFESS: THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED GOD’S FULL FORGIVENESS HAVE RECOGNIZED HOW SERIOUS THEIR SIN IS AND WHY THEY SIN SO SERIOUSLY, vs. 3-6**

• *Confess = to say the truth, to say the same thing as God says*

1. How serious our sin is: ultimately we sin against no one but God, vs. 3-4
2. How seriously we sin: we sin because of an inherited sin nature, vs. 5-6

**C. PRAY: THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED GOD’S FULL FORGIVENESS HAVE ASKED GOD TO REMOVE THE CONDEMNATION DUE THEM, vs. 7-9**

1. Pray for forgiveness, vs. 7-9