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2 Samuel 12

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your loyal love!
Because of your great compassion,
wipe away my rebellious acts!
Wash away my wrongdoing!
Cleanse me of my sin!



Psalm 51

For I am aware of my rebellious acts;
I am forever conscious of my sin.

Against you, you above all,
I have sinned;

I have done what is evil in your sight.

So you are just when you confront me,
you are right when you condemn me.



Psalm 51

Look, I was guilty of sin from birth,
a sinner the moment my mother
conceived me.

Look, you desire integrity in the inner
man; you want me to possess wisdom.



Psalm 51

Sprinkle me with water
and I will be pure; wash me
and I will be whiter than snow.

Grant me the ultimate joy
of being forgiven!

May the bones you crushed rejoice!



2 Samuel 12.1

So the Lord sent Nathan to David.



2 Samuel 12.1-7

When he came to David, Nathan said, “There were **two men** in a certain city, **one rich** and the **other poor**. The rich man had a great many flocks and herds.



2 Samuel 12.1-7

But the poor man had nothing except for a **little lamb** he had acquired. He raised it, and it grew up alongside him and his children. It used to eat his food, drink from his cup, and sleep in his arms. It was **just like a daughter** to him.



2 Samuel 12.1-7

“When a traveler arrived at the rich man’s home, he did not want to use one of his own sheep or cattle to feed the traveler who had come to visit him. Instead, he took the poor man’s lamb and **cooked it** for the man who had come to visit him.”



2 Samuel 12.1-7

Then David became very angry at this man. He said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this **deserves to die!** Because he committed this cold-hearted crime, he must pay for the lamb four times over!”



2 Samuel 12.1-7

Nathan said to David, “**You are that man!**”



2 Samuel 12.9

Why have you shown contempt for the word of the Lord by doing evil in my sight? You have **struck down Uriah** the Hittite with the sword and you have **taken his wife** as your own! You have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.



2 Samuel 12.13

Then David exclaimed to Nathan, “I have **sinned** against the Lord!” Nathan replied to David, “Yes, and the Lord has **forgiven** your sin. You are not going to die.



Psalm 51

Grant me the ultimate joy
of being **forgiven!**

May the bones you crushed rejoice!

Hide your face from my sins!

Wipe away all my guilt!

Create for me a pure heart, O God!

Renew a resolute spirit within me!



Psalm 51

Do not reject me!

Do not take your Holy Spirit
away from me!

Let me again experience
the joy of your deliverance!

Sustain me by giving me
the **desire to obey!**



Psalm 51

Then I will teach rebels
your merciful ways,
and **sinners will turn** to you.





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