PSALMS 50-51

REVIEW…

- **Psalm** 47 – Worship the King
  - We are COMMANDED to clap and shout – because the KING has given us VICTORY…
  - He is the KING who will rule and reign over the whole earth…
  - He is the KING who sits on His THRONE in heaven – PRAISE Him!
- **Psalm** **48 –** The City of the King
  - We are to PRAISE our God because He is GREAT – in the CITY of our God – Jerusalem
  - Not because Jerusalem is SPECIAL – pile of rocks – but because God dwells there…
  - The kings of the earth TREMBLE before Jerusalem – because it belongs to God!
- **Psalm** **49 –** Trust the King
  - EVERYONE – rich and poor – must listen to the WISDOM of the Word…
  - Who do we TRUST when the hard times come – in MONEY or in the KING…
  - Those who TRUST in RICHES – will find they do NOT last – and

they cannot REDEEM them…
- Those who TRUST in God – will find He will REDEEM them from the power of the GRAVE!

Psalm 50 – The Judgment of God

- **1st – The Judgement begins… vs. 1-3**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - A Psalm of Asaph!
    - The FIRST of TWELVE Psalms that were written by Asaph…
    - ASAPH [אָסָף] – his name means to GATHER…
    - Was the WORSHIP leader during the reign of King David – **I Chronicles 16:5-6**
    - Making it no surprise that he also wrote some of the SONGS of Israel…
    - We are also told that ASAPH would PROPHECY – proclaim the WORD – through worship!
    - Note the calling of a worship leader – as seen in the MINISTRY of ASAPH…
    - Worship leaders are to GATHER the people together – to WORSHIP the Lord in SONG…
    - So that they can hear the WORD of the LORD and be blessed!
  - 2nd – God SPEAKS… vs. 1
    - The Mighty One - God the LORD - has spoken and called the earth…
    - From the rising of the sun to its going down!
    - Mighty one [אֵל] – God [singular]
    - God [אֱלֹהִים] – the plural of the word God
    - LORD [יְהוָה] – the name of God – all THREE have SPOKEN [piel] to those on Earth…
    - Not just occasionally – He SPEAKS constantly – from sunup to sundown!
    - We get so distracted in our daily lives – work - family - food - sleep…
    - It leaved us with very little time to just listen to the Lord…
    - We have to make time – take the time – to get alone and hear from the Lord…
    - Have we heard from Jesus recently – God is not silent – we might just not be listening!
  - 3rd – God is COMING… vs. 2-3
    - Out of Zion - the perfection of beauty - God will shine forth.
      - Our God shall come - and shall not keep silent. A fire shall devour before Him…
      - And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him!
      - ZION – a synonym for the city of Jerusalem…
      - God will come SHINING from Jerusalem – so we should NOT [jussive] be SILENT…

- Because when He comes He will be a DEVOURING fire – a powerful STORM!

- SECOND Coming…
  - At the SECOND coming of Jesus – He will set down on the Mount of Olives - **Acts 1:9-12**
  - Jesus will SHINE forth - He is the ONLY light on that day – **Zechariah 14:6-7**
  - He will go out from Jerusalem - to the Valley of Megiddo to JUDGE – **II Thessalonians 2:8**
  - None of which should be a SURPRISE to us – God has been saying it for thousands of years…
  - The question is – are we telling others – or are we SILENT…
  - We know Jesus is coming – we know the JUDGEMENT is coming…
  - And it is our JOB to warn others – the time to repent is NOW!
  - **Ezekiel 33:7** – "I have made you a watchman… therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me."

- **2ND – JUDGMENT OF ISRAEL… VS. 4-15**
  - 1st – Israel FIRST… vs. 4-7
    - He shall call to the heavens from above - and to the earth - that He may judge His people.
      - Gather My saints together to Me - those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
      - Let the heavens declare His righteousness - for God Himself is Judge. Selah
      - Hear O My people - and I will speak. O Israel I will testify against you. I am God - your God!
    - The FIRST to be JUDGED will be Israel…
      - Those who made a COVENANT [mount Sinai] with God– must [imperative] gather…
      - A court room setting – the HEAVENS and EARTH are the WITNESSES – **Genesis 1:1**
      - They have seen it all – they KNOW everything everyone has done – **Hebrews 4:13**
      - And they will DECLARE - the LORD is RIGHTEOUS [צַדִּיק] – and the people are NOT…
      - God is the JUDGE - [סֶלָה] – stop and think about that for a moment – they are in TROUBLE…
      - Israel MUST [imperative] listen when God YELLS [piel] at them…
      - For He will REALLY [cohortative] testify against them – because He is their God!
      - **I Peter 4:17** – "The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God."
    - Being a CHILD of God – does NOT mean that will avoid being JUDGED…
      - It means we are JUDGED first – because we BELONG to the LORD and know better!
      - **Hebrews 12:6** –"Whom the LORD loves He chastens. Scourges every son whom He receives."
      - SCOURGES – the same word used when Jesus was beaten by Pilate – **John 19:1**
      - The picture is powerful – the PUNISHMENT of God can be SEVERE…
      - Because there is NOTHING God will not do to make sure we get into Heaven!
      - Too often people make light the sin in their lives – likes is no big deal…
      - If sin was NOT a big deal – then Jesus would NOT have had to DIE to pay for it…
      - Sin is DEADLY – it is the one thing that can SEPARATE us from God…
      - Therefore there is NOTHING God will not do – to try and keep us from SIN!
  - 2nd – The assumption… vs. 8-9
    - I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings which are continually before Me.
    - I will not take a bull from your house - nor goats out of your folds!
    - Israel thought they could BUY their way out of their SIN…
    - If they gave ENOUGH sacrifices – burnt offerings – God would be HAPPY…

- But God was NOT looking for their ANIMALS – He wanted them!
- There are still people who assume – if you give enough to God – He will overlook their sin…
- But God is NOT after what he can get from us – He is after our hearts…
- And those who think they can BUY their way into heaven – will perish with their MONEY!
- **Acts 8:20** – "Your money perish with you - because you thought… God could be purchased."

- 3rd – God needs nothing… vs. 10-13
  - For every beast of the forest is Mine - and the cattle on a thousand hills.
  - I know all the birds of the mountains - and the wild beasts of the field are Mine!
  - If I were hungry - I would not tell you. For the world is Mine - and all its fullness.
  - Will I eat the flesh of bulls - or drink the blood of goats!
  - EVERY [כָּל] beast and bird belongs to the LORD – He owns ALL the CATTLE [thousand hills]
  - In other word – God owns EVERYTHING – He is the one who CREATED it all…
  - If God were HUNGRY – He would NEVER tell – because the whole EARTH belongs to Him…
  - So why would Israel think He needed their SACRIFICES!
  - It is amazing that people still portray God as being POOR – lacking money…
  - The God who with a WORD created a UNIVERSE – does NOT need anything…
  - He does NOT need our MONEY – He does NOT need our TIME…
  - Why then does the Bible tell us to STORE our TREASURES in heaven – **Luke 12:33**
  - Because our HEART will follow our TREASURES – **Luke 12:34**
- 4th – What God wants… vs. 14-15
  - Offer to God thanksgiving - and pay your vows to the Most High.
    - Call upon Me in the day of trouble. I will deliver you - and you shall glorify Me!
    - God does NOT want MONEY – He wants THREE things:
  - Sacrifice [imperative] of THANKSGIVING…
    - The idea is to be THANKFUL – no matter what happens in life…
    - When things go RIGHT – when everything in life is SMOOTH – we give THANKS…
    - When things go WRONG – when everything is falling APART – we give THANKS…
    - Even when we do NOT feel like it – we make the SACRIFICE – and give THANKS…
    - Because when we give THANKS – it changes our PERSPECTIVE – puts our eyes on the Lord!
    - **Hebrews 13:15 –** "Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God."
  - PAY our VOWS to the MOST High…
    - Too often people make PROMISES – before counting the COST…
    - Better to think first about what we are say – then to make PROMISES we cannot keep…

- God does not treat our words lightly - He expects us to fulfill our PROMISES...
- If we do not follow through with our PROMISE - then it is sin!
- **Deuteronomy 23:21** - "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, be prompt in doing whatever you promised… If you do not you will be guilty of sin."

▪ Call upon the LORD…

- CALL [imperative] in the day of TROUBLE – and God will DELIVER [piel]
- Do not miss this – God does not WANT anything from us – He wants to SAVE us…
- The WORK that God is looking for from our lives – is to BELIEVE…
- That is how we GLORIFY [כָּבַד] the LORD – by putting our FAITH in Him!
- **John 6:29** – "This is the work of God - that you believe in Him whom He sent."

- **3RD – JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED… VS. 16-23**
  - 1st – Their Rights… vs. 16-17
    - But to the wicked God says:
    - What right have you to declare My statutes - or take My covenant in your mouth.
    - Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you!
    - Judgement BEGINS in the house of God – but that is NOT where it ENDS…
    - WICKED [רָשָׁע] – those who HATE the commands of God – cast [hiphil] aside His WORD...
    - They have NO right to speak about His WORD [statues] – or His PROMISES [covenant]
    - I know a lot of people who know what the Bible SAYS – but do not DO it…
    - Unfortunately for them – it does them NO good – knowledge does NOT save us…
    - We cannot stand before God one day and say – I knew what YOU wanted me to do!
    - **James 1:22** – "Be doers of the word and not hearers only - deceiving yourselves."
  - 2nd – Their Actions… vs. 18-20
    - When you saw a thief - you consented with him - and have been a partaker with adulterers.
    - You give your mouth to evil - and your tongue frames deceit.
    - You sit and speak against your brother. You slander your own mothers son!
    - When the WICKED saw a THIEF – they were HAPPY [wanted to join in]
    - The WICKED did join in when there was ADULTERY…
    - The mouth of the WICKED belongs [perfect] to EVIL – their TONGUE dedicated to LIES…
    - They GOSSIP about their FRIENDS – finding fault in their FAMILY!
    - In other words – they instead EMBRACED everyone who LIVED like they did…
    - We tend to surround ourselves with others who agree with us…

- It gives us boldness to think we are doing what is RIGHT – because so is EVERYONE else…
- But God does not care about DEMOCRACY – POPULAR opinion – He JUDGES based on TRUTH!

- 3rd – Their Rebuke… vs. 21
  - These things you have done - and I kept silent. You thought that I was altogether like you.
  - But I will rebuke you - and set them in order before your eyes!
  - In spite of all the WICKED had done [perfect] – God had said NOTHING…
  - It made them think God was just LIKE them – but they were WRONG…
  - He will [hiphil] REBUKE them – and set things back in ORDER!
  - Many assume they are OK because God does not immediately JUDGE them...
  - They make mistake of interpreting the PATIENCE of God - for the ACCEPTANCE of God...
  - Just because God has not JUDGED yet – does not mean God will not JUDGE - **Numbers 32:22**
  - God is PATIENT – giving time to repent and turn back to Him…
  - God WAITS to punish sin - only because He loves the sinner – **II Peter 3:9**
  - God is LONGSUFFERING – to give time to repent and turn back to Him…
  - But for those who harden their hearts - do not to repent – He will set things in ORDER!
  - **Galatians 6:7** – "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap…"
- 4th – Their Warning… vs. 22-23
  - Now consider this - you who forget God. Lest I tear you in pieces and there be none to deliver.
  - Whoever offers praise glorifies Me - and to him who orders his conduct aright…
  - I will show the salvation of God!
  - THINK NOW [imperative] – you who FORGOT about God – before He TEARS you apart…
  - ANYONE who give GLORY [piel] to God – and choses the right PATH [דֶּרֶךְ]
  - It will allow [hiphil] God to SHOW them His SALVATION!
  - Bottom line – whether we are His people – but have gone astray…
  - Or we have rejected the LORD – and think we will NOT be JUDGED…
  - The LORD is coming – and we should TURN to HIM – while there is still time to REPENT!
  - **II Corinthians 6:2** – "Now is the accepted time. Behold - now is the day of salvation."

Psalm 51 – Broken and forgiven

- **1st – The Confession… vs. 1- 4**

- 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
  - To the Chief Musician.
    - CHIEF Musician – the one who plays [piel] the music – leads the congregation in worship…
    - Unlike the parallel of this in Psalm 32 – which was a PERSONAL Psalm…
    - This was written to the people of Israel – a PUBLIC confession!
  - A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him - after he had gone into Bathsheba!
    - This was written by David after his SIN with Bathsheba…
    - For more than a YEAR – David did NOT repent from his SIN…
    - Uriah was dead [murder] – and David had married Bathsheba [adultery]
    - No doubt David LIED to HIMSELF – he thought he was OK…
    - Until the Prophet Nathan came and told David a STORY of TWO men…
    - A RICH man owned MANY sheep – and a POOR man only owned ONE lamb…
    - The RICH man had a PARTY – and cooked the lamb of the POOR man for his guests…
    - David demanded - as the LORD lives – any man who would do such a thing deserves to die!
    - **II Samuel 12:7** – "Then Nathan said to David - You are the man!"
- 2nd – Forgiveness… vs. 1-2
  - Have mercy upon me O God - according to Your lovingkindness.
    - According to the multitude of Your tender mercies - blot out my transgressions.
    - Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity - and cleanse me from my sin!
    - Having been CONFRONTED by His SIN – David PLEADED [imperative] for TWO things:
  - MERCY…
    - MERCY [78 - [חָנַן]x in OT - this is the OT version of the NT concept of GRACE…
    - David BEGS [imperative] for God [אֱלֹהִים] to give him GRACE…
    - He cannot even bring himself to mention the NAME of the LORD [יְהוָה]
    - He knows he does not DESERVE it – but puts his hope in the LOVE [חֶסֶד] of the God…
    - He asks for MERCY – like a Mother to her SON that she carried in the WOMB [רַחַם]!
    - David ALWAYS needed the GRACE of God in his life…
    - But this SIN taught him who he REALLY was – and showed his NEED for GRACE!
    - Often people are VERY judgmental when someone SINS…
    - How could they have done THAT – I never knew they were THAT kind of person…
    - Choosing to FORGET - we are ALL that kind of person – we are ALL sinners!
    - One of the key factors I have seen in the lives of people God uses – if FAILURE…
    - Not that we NEED to FAIL – to be used by God…
    - But we do NEED to see that we are SINNERS – so we understand our NEED for His GRACE…
    - And it often takes a BIG mistake – to teach us our NEED for Jesus!
  - FORGIVENESS – Three ways
    - The OLD Testament uses THREE words to describe SIN – David uses all THREE here…
    - TRANSGRESSION [פָּשַׁע] – means rebellion – an intentional sin against God…
    - David begged [imperative] God – to WIPE away his REBELLION…
    - His REBELLION was thinking he did not NEED God to forgive him of his sin!
    - Grace teaches us to STOP being REBELLIOUS – trying to deal with our own problems…
    - Instead we LEARN to call upon the LORD in our day of TROUBLE – **Psalm 50:15**
    - INIQUITY [עָוֹן] – speaks of our convictions – because of SIN or TRANSGRESSION…
    - David begged [imperative] God – to intensely [piel] WASH him of his CONVICTION…
    - No one LIKES CONVICTION – that nagging feeling inside when we SIN…

- It is very uncomfortable – it steals our PEACE – it can rob us of our JOY…
- But CONVICTION is the GRACE of God at work in our lives – trying to get us to REPENT…
- As long as we are feeling CONVICTION – we know His GRACE is working…
- The really scarry moment is when we can SIN – and no long feel guilty - **I Timothy 4:2**
- SIN [חַטָּאת] – means to miss the mark – an accidental mistake…
- David begged [imperative] God – to intensely [piel] make him PURE from his moral failure!
- The way that God makes us PURE - is by WASHING us in the water of the WORD…
- His Word CONVICTS us of our SIN – shows us the way to receive His GRACE…
- If we feel like we are covered with the FILTH of our mistakes – take a BIBLE bath!
- **John 15:3** - "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

○ 3rd – Repentance… vs. 3-4

▪ For I acknowledge my transgressions - and my sin is always before me.

- Against You - You only have I sinned - and done this evil in Your sight.
- David could SEE [יָדַע] his TRANSGRESSION [פָּשַׁע] - his SIN [חַטָּאת] ALWAYS in front of Him…
- And He KNEW his SIN was against GOD – and ONLY GOD!
- Because GOD is the one who created the STANDARD for what is GOOD – **Romans 7:12**
- So when we SIN – we are BREAKING His LAW – we are SINNING against GOD…
- Though the people around us will also SUFFER because of our SIN [Uriah]

▪ That You may be found just when You speak - and blameless when You judge!

- David also KNEW – he would one day be ACCOUNTABLE for his sin…
- When God SPEAKS on the Day of JUDGEMENT – **Revelation 20:13**
- God will be found JUST [צַדִּיק] – and show that David was not PURE [blameless]
- The good news is if we CONFESS our SIN - any SIN - Jesus will FORGIVE…
- Repentance brings freedom - we are no longer bound by our mistakes...
- We are made PURE – so we no longer have to FEAR being JUDGED!
- **I John 1:9** – "If we confess our sins - He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- **2ND – THE REQUEST… VS. 5-12**

○ 1st – The Problem… vs. 5

▪ Behold - I was brought forth in iniquity - and in sin my mother conceived me!

▪ BEHOLD [הֵן] - the SOURCE of the problem – David was ALWAYS a sinner…

▪ He was ALREADY a SINNER when he was being FORMED in the womb of his mother!

▪ There are those who argue today – we are NOT bad by nature…

▪ People only become BAD – because of their circumstances and choices!

▪ The Bible tells us we were born BAD – we are SINNERS from birth…

▪ That is why no matter how hard we try to be GOOD – we always seem to FAIL…

▪ We are not SINNERS because we SIN – we SIN because we are SINNERS!

▪ **Romans 7:14** – "The trouble is not with the law - for it is… good. The trouble is with me - for I am all too human - a slave to sin." [NLT]

- 2nd – The Solution… vs. 6-7
  - You desire truth in the inward parts - and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
  - Purge me with hyssop - and I shall be clean. Wash me - and I shall be whiter than snow!
  - BEHOLD [הֵן] the TRUTH – the SOLUTION to the problem…
  - God DESIRES to make KNOWN [hiphil] to us His HIDDEN wisdom…
  - He will PURGE our SINS with HYSSOP – so we can be CLEAN!
  - HYSSOP [10 – [אֵזוֹבx in OT – was a plant that was ALWAYS used to PURIFY…
  - It was used in the PASSOVER to put the blood on the doorpost – **Exodus 12:22**
  - It was also used to when a LEPER became PURE – **Leviticus 14:4**
  - We find it in the NT – at the crucifixion of Jesus – **John 19:29**
  - There is no PROGRAM that can make us a GOOD person…
  - Rehabilitation may change the OUTSIDE – but it can never transform us on the INSIDE…
  - The HIDDEN wisdom of God – is that Jesus came to DIE for our sins…
  - He makes us new creations through the power of the Cross!
  - **II Corinthians 5:17** – "Anyone in Christ is a new creation… behold all things have become new."
- 3rd – The Result… vs. 8-10
  - Make me hear joy and gladness - that the bones You have broken may rejoice.
    - Hide Your face from my sins - and blot out all my iniquities.
    - David asked he LORD to CAUSE [hiphil] his joy and gladness to return…
    - The way it would RETURN – is by healing what GOD had broken [piel]
    - Though HIDING [imperative] His FACE from SIN [חַטָּאָת] – WIPING away INIQUITY [עָוֹן]
  - Create in me a clean heart - O God - and renew a steadfast spirit within me!
    - Only God could CREATE [בָּרָא] a new HEART in David that was PURE…
    - There are TWO Hebrew words that can be translated CREATE …
    - Asah – [עָשָׂה] - to assemble from pre-existing parts…
    - Bara – [בָּרָא] - to create from NOTHING [a word that is only associated with God]
    - The idea here is that ONLY God – can CREATE [בָּרָא] a new HEART in us…
    - Which will cause our SPIRIT to be REPAIRED [piel]!
    - It is commonly held belief – that nothing can change a person…
    - We are who we are – and that is who we will always be!
    - ALMOST true – WE cannot change who we are – only GOD can CHANGE our heart…
    - God can take a SINNER and make them into a SAINT - BAD people and make them GOOD…
    - Because God who CREATED [בָּרָא] us – can also CREATE [בָּרָא] in us – a NEW heart...
    - Which means there is HOPE for ALL of us – no one is beyond the reach of His GRACE!
- 4th – Restored… vs. 11-12
  - Do not cast me away from Your presence - and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation - and uphold me by Your generous Spirit!
- PLEASE [jussive] do not take me away from Your FACE…
- PLEASE [jussive] do not take away Your HOLY [קֹדֶשׁ] SPIRIT [רוּחַ]
- Bring BACK [imperative] the JOY of Your SALVATION – support me by Your SPIRIT…
- David was SAVED – but his SIN separated him from God – caused the SPIRIT to leave!
- There are those who believe ONCE saved ALWAYS saved…
- They argue people who DEPART from the living God - were NEVER really saved…
- Others argue – those who DEPART lost their salvation - both TERMS are inaccurate!
- When we first commit a sin - we bleed with CONVICTION from the Holy Spirit...
- But if we CONTINUE to sin - we can create a CALLOUS on our hearts – becoming HARD...
- Sin is devastating - if we REFUSE to repent of our sin - it will HARDEN our hearts...
- The danger is we can end up DEPARTING from God - preferring to live on in our sin!
- **Hebrews 3:12-13** – "Beware brethren - lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God… hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

- **3RD – THE PROMISE… VS. 13-19**
  - 1st – Teach others… vs. 13
    - Then I will teach transgressors Your ways - and sinners shall be converted to You!
    - David would DESIRED [cohortative] to intensely [piel] teach other REBELS [פָּשַׁע] about God…
    - So that like him – others SINNERS would turn back to the LORD…
    - The REPENTANCE of David – is one of the MOST powerful EXAMPLES in the Bible!
    - We are given the STORY of his SIN – in the HISTORY - **II Samuel 11-12**
    - We are given the HEART of his REPENTANCE – in the POETRY - **Psalm 32 / 51**
    - Which reveals the TRUTH of how to be FORGIVEN – seen in the DOCTRINE - **I John 1:9**
    - TEACHING the COMPLETE picture of HOW we can be RESTORED to God!
  - 2nd – Praise… vs. 14-15
    - Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed - O God - the God of my salvation…
    - And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
    - O Lord - open my lips - and my mouth shall show forth Your praise!
    - We often talk about the SIN of David with Bathsheba…

- But here David admits what troubled him the most – was his GUILT over Uriah [bloodshed]
- He was HAUNTED by the memories of the man he had BETRAYED and KILLED!
- It can be HARD to move beyond the GUILT of our SIN – how it HURT others…
- We can believe that God has FORGIVEN – but that does not mean we FORGET…
- The answer when based on us being GOOD – it is remembering the GOOD God did for us…
- And as He open up our LIPS to praise – it FREES our mind from destructive regret!

o 3rd – Sacrifice… vs. 16-17

- For You do not desire sacrifice - or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering.
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit - a broken and a contrite heart.
- These - O God - You will not despise!
- Under the LAW – when someone SINNED – they had to offer a SACRIFICE – **Leviticus 4:2**
- But David did NOT offer a SACRIFICE for his SINS – adultery – murder…
- Because under the LAW – there was no SACRIFICE – only DEATH – **Leviticus 20:10 / 24:17**
- Yet GRACE said there was a SACRIFICE God would ACCEPT…
- BROKEN [שָׁבַר] SPIRIT and a BROKEN [niphal] HEART!
- **Proverbs 16:18** – "Pride goes before destruction - an arrogant spirit before a fall."
- The word translated DESTRUCTION – is from the root verb to be BROKEN [שָׁבַר]
- The picture is actually encouraging - our PRIDE is what causes [niphal] us to BREAK…
- And being BROKEN is the only SACRIFICE that God will accept for our SIN…
- He uses our SIN to HUMBLE us - so that we can receive the Grace of God!
- **James 4:6 / I Peter 5:5** – "God resists the proud - but give grace to the humble."

o 4th – Good… vs. 18-19

- Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion. Build the walls of Jerusalem.
- Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness…
- With burnt offering and whole burnt offering. Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar!
- David CONCLUDES – by pleading [imperative] with God to do GOOD in Zion…
- Because David knew there would be CONSEQUENCES for his actions…
- But he did not want other – Jerusalem – to have to suffer for his MISTAKES!

- As consequence the sword would not depart from the house of David – **II Samuel 12:10**
- The newborn son of Bathsheba would become sick and die – **II Samuel 12:18**
- His son Amnon would be murdered by his brother Absalom – **II Samuel 13:29**
- Absalom try to take the throne and have AFFAIRS with his concubines – **II Samuel 16:22**
- Then Joab would kill Absalom for rebelling against David – **II Samuel 18:14**
- Solomon would kill his brother Adonijah for trying to steal the throne – **I Kings 2:25**
- **II Samuel 12:12** – "[David] did it secretly - but [the LORD did this] … before all Israel…"
- SADLY – our SIN will always have an EFFECT on those around us…
- The one we LOVE the most – suffer the MOST when we REBEL against the LORD…
- But the GOOD news – is God even uses that for GOOD!
- **Romans 8:28** – "All things work together for good to those who love God."