

Committing any sins will definitely bring consequences! But by acknowledge it in the right way in the presence of God, believers will be able to go back to the right track and continue their journey of faith from glory to glory. What had happened is sometimes believers say sorry to God but they do not really mean it. Sometimes asking forgiveness just happened for a ritual opening whenever believers lift up their prayer. Forgiveness is something that very important to know and to learn, so that we can let God to recover our life and bring us back to His divine plan, from glory to glory.

As we are continuing with the book of 2 Samuel, we will learn from the life story of David, specially when he fell into a serious sin, but then God forgave him completely and continue His promise in the family of David.

How to Say Sorry **Beware of Sins**

**Do not give the
devil a foothold.**
Eph.4:27

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at the time when kings go out to battle, that David

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And your sins have hidden *His* face from you,
So that He will not hear.

³ For **your hands** are defiled with blood,
And **your fingers** with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies,

Your tongue has muttered perversity. *Isa.59:2-3*

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Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ Then David sent messengers,
and **took** her; and she came to him, and he lay
with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity;
and she returned to her house.



As we advancing in the journey of our faith, **the best thing to do** is not to commit any sins! We learned from the life story of David how sins destroyed so much things in David's life (his children: Tamar, Amnon, Absalom, his throne, his reputation toward Joab).

2Sam.11:1-4 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. ³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And *someone* said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" ⁴ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

Sins attack everyone! Peter wrote: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour *1Pet.5:8*. The devil always try to shoot his **fiery darts**, the **flaming arrows**, in any occasion *Eph.6:16*. Just if David had turned away his sight from Bathsheba, the story would be different. But unfortunately, David

was defeated and he let his lust burned by that evil burning arrow.

David was **about 50 y.o.** when he fell into sin with Bathsheba. *How old are you now?* No matter what is our ages, the devil always seeking someone to attack and eat! There is NO vaccination against sins. There is no one immune with sins. Even the devil tried to attempt Jesus in the wilderness *Mat.4:1-11*. Paul wrote: do not give the devil a foothold *Eph.4:27*.

The plot then continued until Uriah killed and David got Bathsheba as his wife officially. But the thing that David had done **displeased the Lord** *2Sam.11:27*! Sins make God angry. Isaiah wrote: But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity *Isa.59:2-3*.

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Start Inside Out

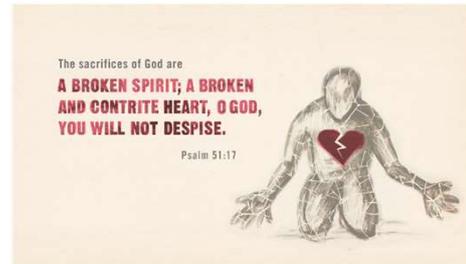
A Prayer of Repentance

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

¹⁶ For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God *are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart*—
These, O God, You will not despise.

Why have you **despised** the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? *2Sam.12:9* ... by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to **blaspheme** ...
2Sam12:14



In the days of David, the Torah (Moses' Law) taught people of Israel about 5 kinds of sacrifice. So when people committed any sin, by law they must offer a sacrifice for their sins. However, David understood something far more important rather than sacrifice, and it is called: **a broken spirit!**

When God's people committed any sins, actually they broke God's heart. It is God who already prepared everything for His beloved people, and now they doing something against Him, rebellion, disobedience. Indeed, it broke His heart! Having **a broken spirit** simply means that we see God cried because our sins and then we cry together with God. We cry not because of any punishment nor consequence that will follow the sins, but far more than that, we must cry because God cry!

God said to David through Nathan: Why have you **despised** the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? *2Sam.12:9* ... by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme ... *2Sam12:14*

It was the expression from God to explain to David, and also to us, how sad He was. Praise God that David willingly repented and he opened his heart, also humbled his heart, so that he could understood how deep he

had hurt God's heart.

***Illust:** when kids don't obey their parents, they actually broke their parents heart already*

The broken spirit is **the work of the Holy Spirit!** Jesus said: "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment *Jn.16:8.*"

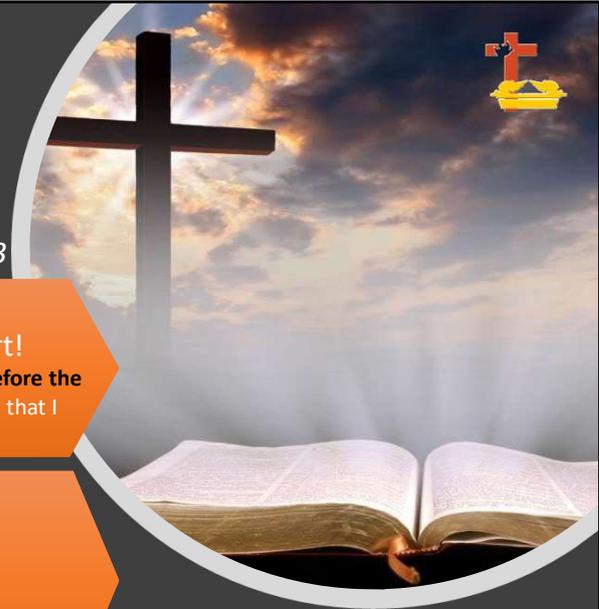
How to Say Sorry

“I have sinned.”

- **King David:** So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” *2Sam.12:13*

KING SAUL just concerned with what people might think about him, not about God’s heart! Then he said, “I have sinned; yet **honor me now**, please, **before the elders of my people and before Israel**, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.” *1Sam.15:30*

JUDAS felt too bad to come back to his community! Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and **went and hanged himself**. *Mat.27:5*



Same statement, different result.

I have sinned

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Saul was rejected as the king. Judas ended his life and killed himself. But David **restored** amazingly and **continued** as the king, even his name became **perpetual**. So, what is the difference with those 3 statements?

God is looking what is **inside the heart** and not only what goes out from the mouth. Once God said to Samuel: “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart *1Sam.16:7*.”

While King Saul just concerned with what people might think about him and Judas Iscariot felt too bad to come back to his community, **David was different!** From the bottom of his heart, he acknowledge that he had sinned against the Lord. The true meaning of **asking for forgiveness** must be all about God's heart and **not other things.**

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“I have sinned against the Lord.”

PSALM 51 ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ **Against You**, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—That You may be found **just** when You speak, and **blameless** when You judge. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.



When David asked for forgiveness, he brought up **3 fundamental truth** that every believers also must agree with when we ask for forgiveness.

1. Sins means breaking God’s rule and it makes God sad. So asking for forgiveness must be done because of God! Because we want to make it right with God, because we love Him and we don’t want to make Him sad again, because we want come back again in His presence, and not because of anything else.
2. Asking for forgiveness means that we acknowledge that we are wrong and God is always true, no argue, no excuse, full stop! Paul wrote: Indeed, **let God be true** but every man a liar. As it is written: “That You may be justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged *Rom.3:4*.”
3. Forgiveness will declare the mercy of God and our absolute need for **the Saviour!** If it is not God who forgive us, then we are nothing!

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Whatever God will do, I will worship!

¹⁹ When David saw that his servants were whispering, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" And they said, "**He is dead.**"

²⁰ So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into **the house of the LORD** and **worshiped**. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.



Forgiveness and Consequences

David gave us a very strong example how to behave with the consequences of sins. We must fully aware with the difference between **forgiveness** and **consequences**! Forgiveness will never means disannul any consequences of sins in our life here in the earth. Sometimes the consequences may be just for a short time, but sometimes the consequences may happen all the time during our life **here** at the earth! And whatever God will do, we must worship God just like what David did!

Nathan said to David: "The Lord also has **put away your sin; you shall not die.**" ¹⁴ However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die *2Sam.12:13-14.*" It is very important to learn that asking for forgiveness means that we surrender our life to God as the Highest Judge, and whatever God will do, **let's worship Him!**

Compare: Moses when he was not allowed to enter to the Promised Land but his body was taken by God.

Illust: person with HIV AIDS but then receive Jesus; Bali 9

One of the consequences that will happen in all cases of sin is **SHAME!** Paul wrote: ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to

righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now **ashamed**? For the end of those things *is death*. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to **holiness**, and the end, **everlasting life** *Rom.6:20-22*.

If we look further, later we found that **the body of David is not resurrected** together with the first fruit of resurrection when Jesus died upon the cross. Matthew wrote: “⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many *Mat.27:51-53*.” And Peter said during the day of Pentecost: “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day *Ac.2:29*.”

The best way is not committing any sins. But whenever sins happen, let's have a broken heart and then surrender our life to God, be ready to worship Him!

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Continue in God's Blessings

The Joy of Forgiveness :: A Psalm of David. A Contemplation. ::

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.*

² *Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

³ *When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.*

⁴ *For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah*

⁵ *I **acknowledged** my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have **not hidden**.
I said, "I will **confess** my transgressions to the LORD,"
And You **forgave** the iniquity of my sin. Selah*



Berbahagialah orang yang diampuni pelanggaran-pelanggarannya, yang dosanya ditutupi!

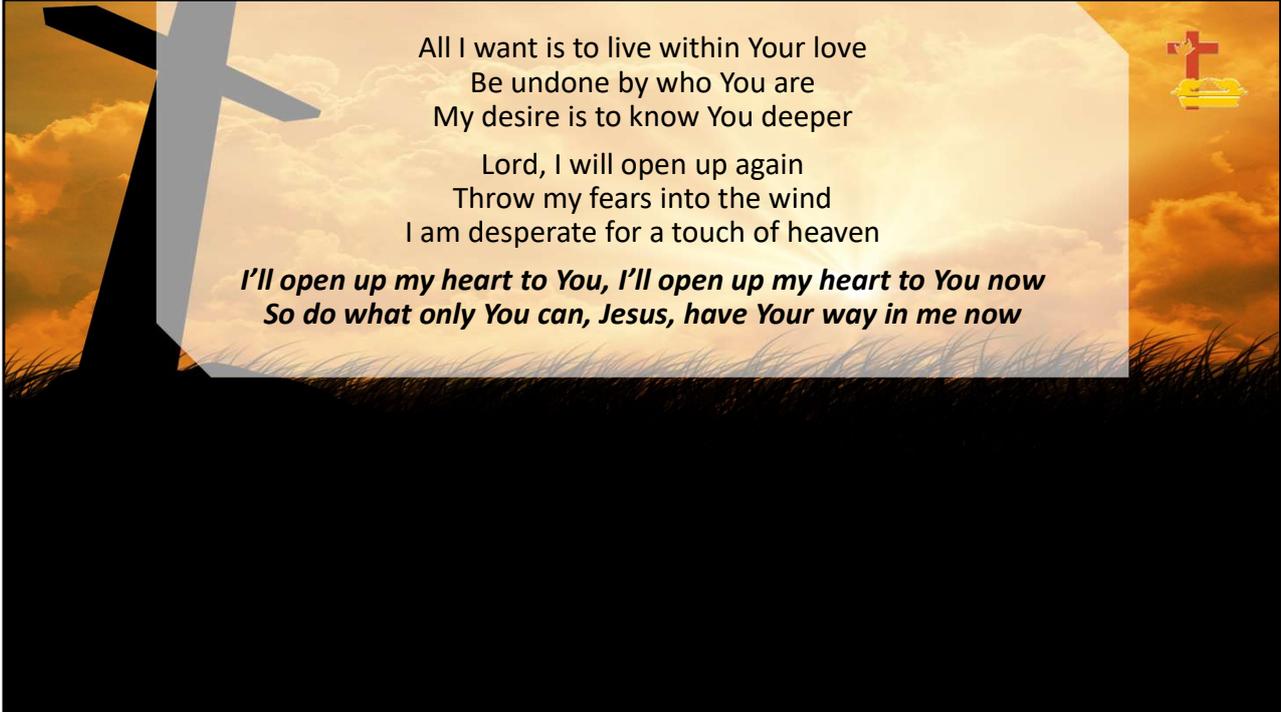
² Berbahagialah manusia, yang kesalahannya tidak diperhitungkan TUHAN, dan yang tidak berjiwa penipu!

³ Selama aku berdiam diri, tulang-tulangku menjadi lesu karena aku mengeluh sepanjang hari;

⁴ sebab siang malam tangan-Mu menekan aku dengan berat, sumsumku menjadi kering, seperti oleh teriknya musim panas. Sela

⁵ Dosaku kuberitahukan kepada-Mu dan kesalahanku tidaklah kusembunyikan; aku berkata: "Aku akan mengaku kepada TUHAN pelanggaran-pelanggaranku," dan Engkau mengampuni kesalahan karena dosaku. Sela

Hiding sins from God's presence just will bring heaviness and the drought! But when we acknowledge it, not hiding it, confess, then we will experience the joy of forgiveness, so that we can truly say: "I AM FORGIVEN, I'VE BEEN SET FREE!"



All I want is to live within Your love
Be undone by who You are
My desire is to know You deeper

Lord, I will open up again
Throw my fears into the wind
I am desperate for a touch of heaven

***I'll open up my heart to You, I'll open up my heart to You now
So do what only You can, Jesus, have Your way in me now***





1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

... The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **“Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

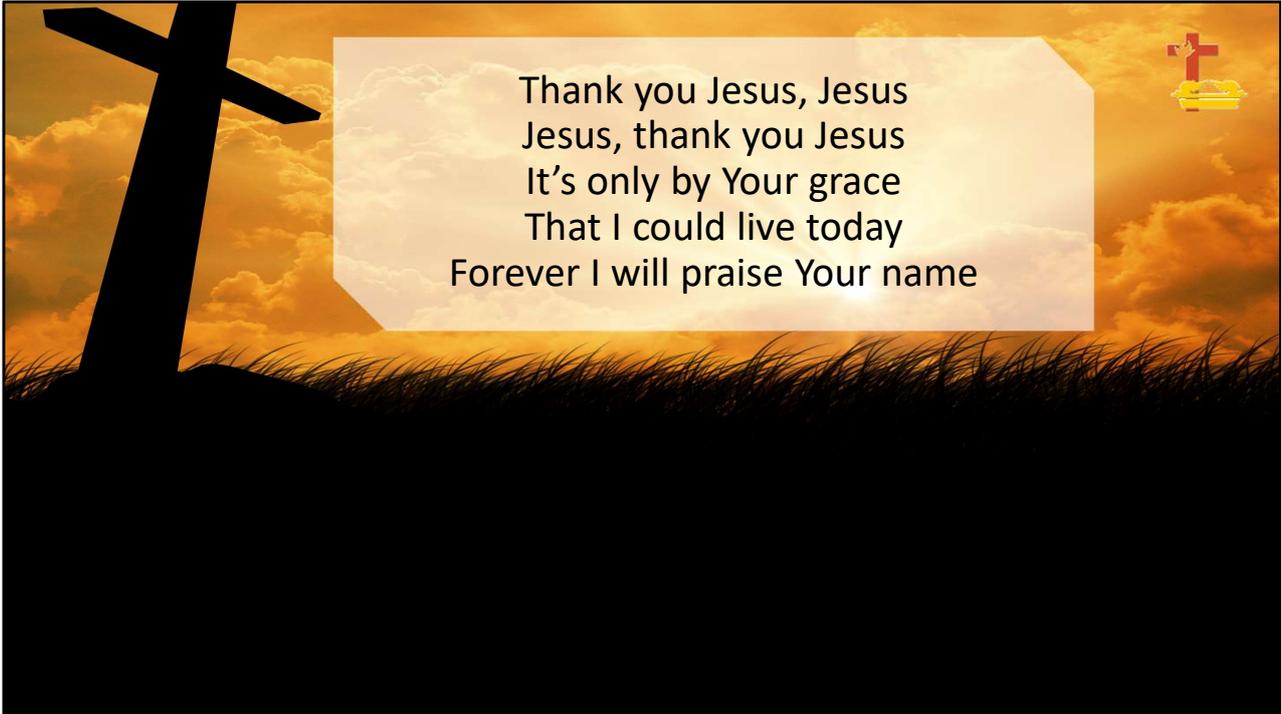
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For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?





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