

How is God's grace to David shown in this passage?

How does David react to God's judgement, v13, v20?

Let's turn briefly to David's fuller response in the words of Psalm 51 which he penned after the incident:

Read Psalm 51v1-5 confession

What has David discovered about himself?

How does he see God?

Read Psalm 51v6-8 confidence

How is David's confidence in God seen in these verses?

How and why can Christians have more confidence in their forgiveness?

Read Psalm 51v9-12 renewal

What are the different things that David is longing for, v9, 10, 11, 12?

Read Psalm 51v13-20 response

How are David's intentions now?

What is it that God requires from us?

Bible Words

Transgressions = acts which break a law

Iniquity = immoral behaviour

Justified = right and fair

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:13-14*

Reflecting on our own response to sin

How easy do you find it to identify and own up to your own sin?

Do you tend to wallow in self-judgment and guilt or assume that you are alright really?

How easy do you find it to accept God's forgiveness?

How easy do you find it to extend God's forgiveness to others?

How can Jesus' example help us? (Luke 23:34)

The New Testament application of Zion prospering and building up the walls of Jerusalem in v18 is the strengthening and building up of the Church. How might a right understanding of sin, guilt and forgiveness build up God's people – the Church?

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-9**

Pray together:

...what can we praise God for?

...what do we need to ask his forgiveness for?

...what do we need to ask his help for?