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Beautiful Progressions of Repentance, 1 of 3

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Introduction

Repentance is beautiful. Understanding it is the key to a life of increase and joy in the Holy Spirit. That is what I found in the early months of 2019 as Father unfolded these three progressions in Scripture. They are detailed but simple when read step by step. Toward the end of 2019, on 8/8 and 12/12, I experienced the beauty of repentance tangibly. I'm still trying to write about these revelations, but they were so personal that words currently escape me. My Scripture Study called *The Tabernacle Hesus Moon – Living in His Undeserved Love* was a start. This paper begins with the first of three progressions.

1 of 3 – The Progression from Brokenness to Wholeness (A Study in Psalm 51)

The word *broken* is mentioned in two verses in Psalm 51 (8, 17). *Broken* is the Hebrew *shâbar* meaning *break, burst, crush, destroy, bring to birth*. Our Father uses **breaking** to **birth wholeness** in our lives.

Following is an overview of David's prayer from Psalm 51 with verse numbers. The green underlined words are the original Hebrew meanings of the **bold, crimson words**. These words convey different forms of cleansing and are a progression within the greater progression of the entire Psalm.

David's Breaking

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| (1) | Be gracious to me | |
| | Blot out my transgressions | <u>erase, smooth over my sin</u> |
| (2) | Wash me | <u>wash out my present sin</u> |
| | Cleanse me | <u>wash out my future judgment</u> |
| (6) | Fill me | |
| (7) | Purify me | <u>wash me on an ongoing basis</u> |
| (8) | Give me joy | |
| (10) | Create in me a clean heart | <u>wash me perpetually</u> |
| (12) | Restore joy | |

David's Birth into Wholeness

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| (13) | Then I will teach |
| (14) | Then I will sing |
| (18) | Then I will pray |
| (19) | Then You will delight |

The next page contains the entire Psalm 51 and can only be easily viewed in the PDF. This page is meant to be read from left to right across the page, so you can see the parallelism of the Hebrew writing.

Parallelism is the repetition of concepts for emphasis.

- The **crimson** words represent the main points of progression.
- The **blue** text represents my notes.
- The **orange** text includes David's remembrances of his sin and brokenness that are interspersed throughout the Psalm in a way that lets us know the extent of his contriteness.
- And again, the green underlined words represent the different forms of cleansing expressed by the original Hebrew words.

As you soak in Psalm 51, the progressions of David's prayer become clear. When we sin, we find solace and restoration as we pray this prayer of repentance with confidence and walk into wholeness.

Psalm 51 – The Beautiful Progression of Repentance, 1 of 3

- ¹ **Be gracious to me**, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; —————> According to the greatness of Your compassion **blot out my transgressions**.
mâchâh – Erase, smooth over sin
(Isaiah 40:3 – Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.) Repentance pulls down the barriers.
- ² **Wash me** thoroughly from my iniquity —————> And **cleanse me** from my sin.
Kâbas – trample with feet to clean, get out the dirt; wash out present sin
nâqab – acquit me, make free/guiltless, free from condemnation, wash out future judgment
³ For I know my transgressions,
⁴ Against You, You only, I have sinned
So that You are justified when You speak
⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
Fill me with truth and wisdom (fill the spaces left from this purging)
⁶ Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being,
And my sin is ever before me.
And done what is evil in Your sight,
And blameless when You judge.
And in sin my mother conceived me.
And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.
- ⁷ **Purify me** with hyssop, and I shall be clean; —————> Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hyssop was used with blood and recognizes the sacrifice needed.
Give me joy again; restore/reestablish it
⁸ Make me to hear joy and gladness,
⁹ Hide Your face from my sins
wash on an ongoing basis
Joy is the fruit of believing You have washed me and the gratitude for the washing.
Let the bones which You have broken rejoice.
And blot out all my iniquities.
- And now...
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart**, O God, —————> And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Create – make something from nothing – a clean (usable), willing spirit.
Steadfast reliance on God is required for perpetual newness and perpetual washing.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence
As a Your child, I will not lose my salvation or my relationship with You,
¹² **Restore** to me the joy of Your salvation
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
but I will miss the delight of Your presence, and I don't want that.
And sustain me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³ **Then I will teach** transgressors Your ways, —————> And sinners will be converted to You.
I will teach others how to walk with you in the newness I have received.
¹⁴ Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation;
Then I will sing
Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. —————> ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips that my mouth may declare Your praise.
¹⁶ For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
Then I will pray for others (my people)
¹⁸ By Your favor do good to Zion;
You are not pleased with burnt offering.
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.
Build the walls of Jerusalem. *Protect us from sin and the enemy.*
- ¹⁹ **Then You will delight** in righteous sacrifices, —————> in burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then young bulls will be offered on Your altar.
They will be offered only after the sacrifice of a contrite heart.