

# Serve God's Purpose

## Part 9

*“For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation.” (Acts 13:36a NIV)*  
*“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God.” (Acts 13:36a KJV)*

*David repented of His sin of adultery that he committed with Bathsheba:* David in repentance for this sin he wrote *Psalm 51: 1-19* <sup>1</sup>*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.* <sup>2</sup>*Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.* <sup>3</sup>*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.* <sup>4</sup>*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.* <sup>5</sup>*Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.* <sup>6</sup>*Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.* <sup>7</sup>*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.* <sup>8</sup>*Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.* <sup>9</sup>*Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.* <sup>10</sup>*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* <sup>11</sup>*Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.* <sup>12</sup>*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.* <sup>13</sup>*Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.* <sup>14</sup>*Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.* <sup>15</sup>*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.* <sup>16</sup>*You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.* <sup>17</sup>*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.* <sup>18</sup>*In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.* <sup>19</sup>*Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.”*

When we read this psalm we can grasp more evidences of David repentance. The following points as you read kindly reflect them on your life:

**1- He knew what he did wrong and confessed his sin clearly to the Lord:** Do you know exactly what have you done wrong, or in other word can you define your sin?

**2- He did not blame or accuse anyone for the sin that he did:** Are you trying to put the responsibilities of your sins upon others?

**3- He asked the Lord to forgive him and had mercy on him on the basis that he will not repeat that again:** Are you following the same way or you abuse the grace of God by asking him forgiveness but you are unwilling to stop sinning?

**4- He asked the Lord to wash away his sin and blot away his transgressions:** True repentance will clearly show you how sin makes you ugly looking person in the sight of God. That will move you forward to request God to blot away your transgressions to be justified and can stand before God. David knew how much his sin was grieving and how much the Lord was displeased. He saw his sin the way God see it. Do you see your sins as grievous and harmful as God sees them? Many they sin and they will say, ‘What we did!’ That is not repentance that shows no fear of God.

**5- He asked the Lord to cleanse him:** David requested God to wash away his sins and cleanse him from all the detrimental effects of sin in his life. As you repent the process of sanctification will be started in your life.

**6- He asked the Lord not to cast him away from his presence:** Sin will make you loss God's presence and God's favour in your life. Non confessed and non renounced sins will cause you to lose your eternity unless you repent.

**7- He asked the Lord not to take The Holy Spirit from him:** The broken fellowship with God due to sin will take away the Holy Spirit from you. You will live and move without the direction of the Holy Spirit. But as you repent of your sin then the restoration process will start in your life.

**8- He asked the Lord to Create in him a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within him:** As you repent God will do what He promised when He said, <sup>26</sup>*“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”* <sup>27</sup>*And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”* (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

**9- He asked the Lord to restore to him the joy of salvation and to grant him a willing spirit, to sustain me:** Lack of joy in life can be due to sin that you do not confess or renounce. Sin will take the joy of your salvation. As the Lord will restore to you the joy of salvation that joy will give you the strength to go on and serve the Lord and live victorious life unto Him.

**10- He knew that God will not be happy with sacrifices without repentance:** Some people they offer to God something like money, service, gifts, etc, thinking that these things will cover their sins forgetting what David said, <sup>16</sup>*“You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.”* <sup>17</sup>*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”*

**11- He promised the Lord to teach sinners his ways, as he said <sup>13</sup>“Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.”:** People who are truly repented they are the right people to teach others. Because they will testify to them how sin destroyed them, and will tell them how much sin brought troubles in their lives. Those who are repented of their sins they will tell to others, “We have done that sin before and we got harmed and punished, and we tell you this so that you will not do it.” It is very important part of repentance that you will teach others from your own life experience of how sin had worked havoc in your life. That would make others who hear you get warning for they will receive the right message from a person who had experienced sin and its venomous bites and harm.

**My Dear and Beloved:** Righteous sacrifices will be offered to God when there is true repentance. Praise and worship, ministry and giving without repentance do not please to the Lord and will not help those who practice that. They cannot mock God; the Lord will not be satisfied and will not forgive unless he is sure that there is true repentance as we saw in David life.

**My Prayer:** *“Father God in heaven, I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from all my sins \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord I am willing to be disciplined by you and carry the consequences of my sins. O God, according to your unfailing love and according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*