

# Repentance Is Towards God!

Too often we long to put sin out of our lives but we seem to find that we are repeating the same sins.

Why?

**One reason may be because our repentance is only towards ourselves!**

I know if I obey God's commands and not sin I will be blessed with the gift of eternal life.

I will be blessed by God and I will have more joy in my life.

I know that I Have to come to a position of my abhorring myself is like Job, [Job 42:1-6] if I am to be part of God's plan for humanity.

But these sins still cling fast to me.

**Note – all the above reasons were towards self, good reasons for obedience but still self-orientated.**

**Matthew 27:3-4** [Amplified Bible] *“When Judas, His betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was afflicted in mind and troubled for his former folly, and with remorse, that is an after care and little more than a selfish dread of the consequences, he brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, I have sinned in betraying innocent blood. They replied, what is that to us? See to that yourself.”*

**An example of self-orientated repentance.**

Remember Judas ended up dead, [verse 5].

## Repentance has to be away from self and towards God

**Psalms 51:3-4** [New King James] *“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, that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.”*

Notice **“against You, [God] You only, have I sinned”** not against himself.

**Psalms 51:5** [New King James] *“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”*

**David abhorred himself just as Job.**

**But notice the direction of King David's prayer –**

**Psalms 51:6** [New King James] *“Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.”*

Note **“you desire.”**

**What was the reason for all these requests that King David made in his prayer of repentance? [verses 1-12].**

**Psalms 51:13-17** [New King James] *“Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You. 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. 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.”*

**King David’s deep desire was to be used by God to bring other people to know, worship and love God.**

King David’s attitude was **not** to disappoint God the Heavenly Father that he worshipped and adored.

**King David desired to bring to his Heavenly Father the joy that a physical father finds when a son works beside him, harmoniously on a task.** I have personally experienced this joy at times.

Our daily prayer should be, *“Heavenly Father, help me to bring you the joy you deserve for all you have done to show Your great love for all humanity, through Jesus Christ.”*

**When we sin it is God our Heavenly Father who hurts the most, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ clearly shows this.**

**2 Corinthians 7:8-11** [New King James] *“For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”*

**Now we can understand what Paul was talking about in these verses, and more fully understand worldly sorrow [towards self] and Godly sorrow [towards God].**

This attitude of Godly sorrow really works as it did for King David, and the Christian Bible confirms that King David will in the New World Tomorrow work beside the God he loves so much [**Ezekiel 37:21-25**].

We also can join Jesus Christ to serve people under Him after His Second Coming, [**Revelation 20:4**].

Repentance towards God is the key that unlocks this wonderful future for all Christians who repent towards God, [**Acts 20:21**].