

Next Week Sermon

Praying Our Worship

Psalm 95

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Ps. Joash Chan

14 September 2025

Praying our Depression

Psalm 42-43

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Brandon Wong

21 September 2025

Praying our Lament

Psalm 25

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Arnold Lim



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PRAYING THE PSALMS

Bridging Intimacy With God

PRAYING OUR REPENTANCE PSALM 51



CONFESSION

REPENTANCE



PSALMS 32 AND 51 DAVID'S SIN

REPENTANCE

- 1. A Change of heart
- 2. Exchange of Idols
- 3. Asking for forgiveness and transformation
- 4. Recommitment to worship and service

THE DIFFICULTY IN REPETANCE

Psalms 51:1-4 (ESV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out **my transgressions**.

2 Wash me thoroughly from **my iniquity**, and cleanse me from my sin!

3 For I know **my transgressions**, and **my sin** is ever before me.4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.



WHY HARD TO CONFESS

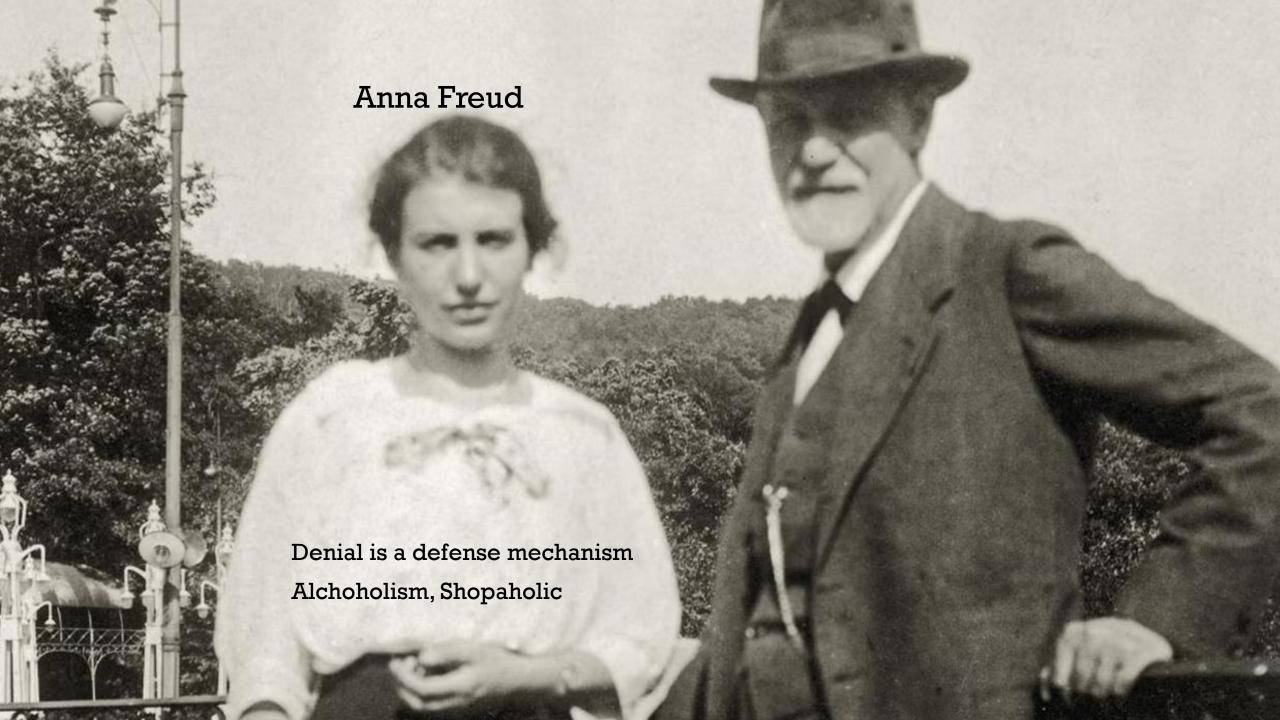
What you did is who you are

IDENTIFY YOUR SIN

Self Esteem

Self Identity

Refuse to repent as it diminishes our self worth
Compels change



HOW CAN THIS BE WRONG WHEN IT FEELS SO RIGHT

DAVID HOUSTON AND BARBARA MANDRELL



Even though I love you I can't call you mine
So we'll love each other a little at a time
So kiss me once more then I'll say goodnight
How can this be wrong when it feels so right
How can it be wrong when it feels so right
And we'll both go home to another tonight
And we'll hide our feelings and hold each other tight
How can this be wrong when it feels so right
How can this be wrong when it feels so right



REJECTS OBJECTIVE MORAL VALUES

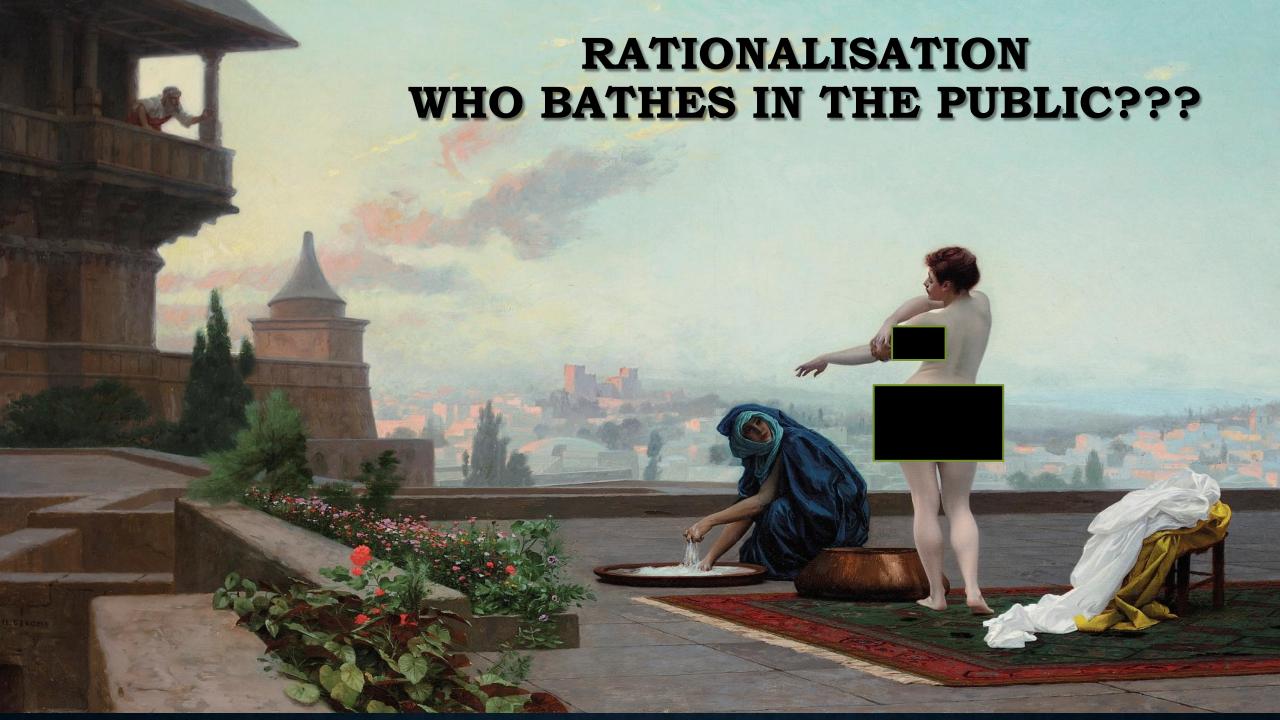
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External moral values Reduces only the intimacy we have with ourselves and others.

So, as the saying goes, sometimes it might be better to be happy than right.







2 Samuel 11:26 (ESV) 26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband.



2 Samuel 11:25 (ESV) 25 David said to the messenger, "Thus shall you say
Bathsheeba better
to Joab, 'Do not let Leadership is tough displease you, for I deserve a break the sword devours now one and now another.

Don't worry about it







What was God thinking???

If He was thinking how could he do this to us?

that the tree was to be desired I will obey only if it makes sense to me

His rules don't apply in this situation

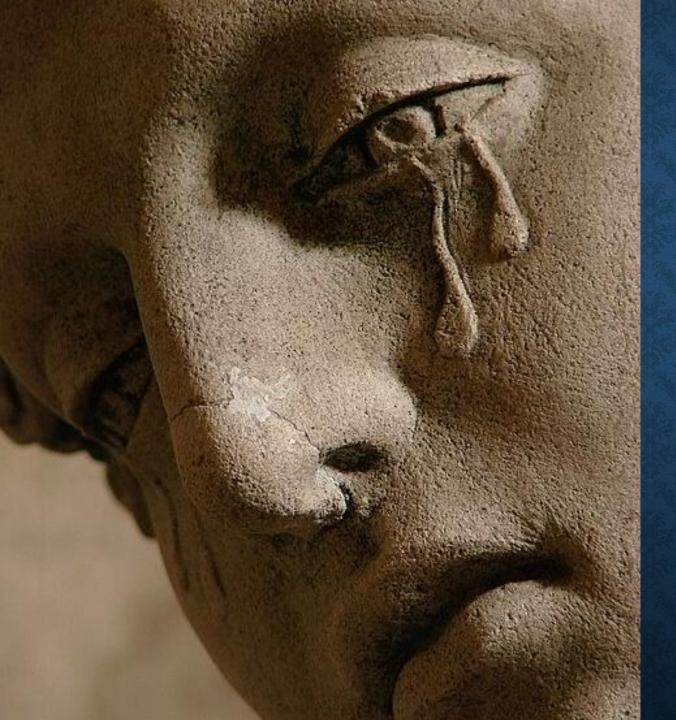


CHANGE OF HEART

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SIN STILL HAS POWER OVER YOU

- Sin against the Lawconsequences judgement
- Sin against the peopleloose your kingdom
- Sin against Uriah ...prison time

NO LASTING CHANGE

2 Samuel 12:9 (ESV) 9 Why have **you despised the word of the LORD**, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

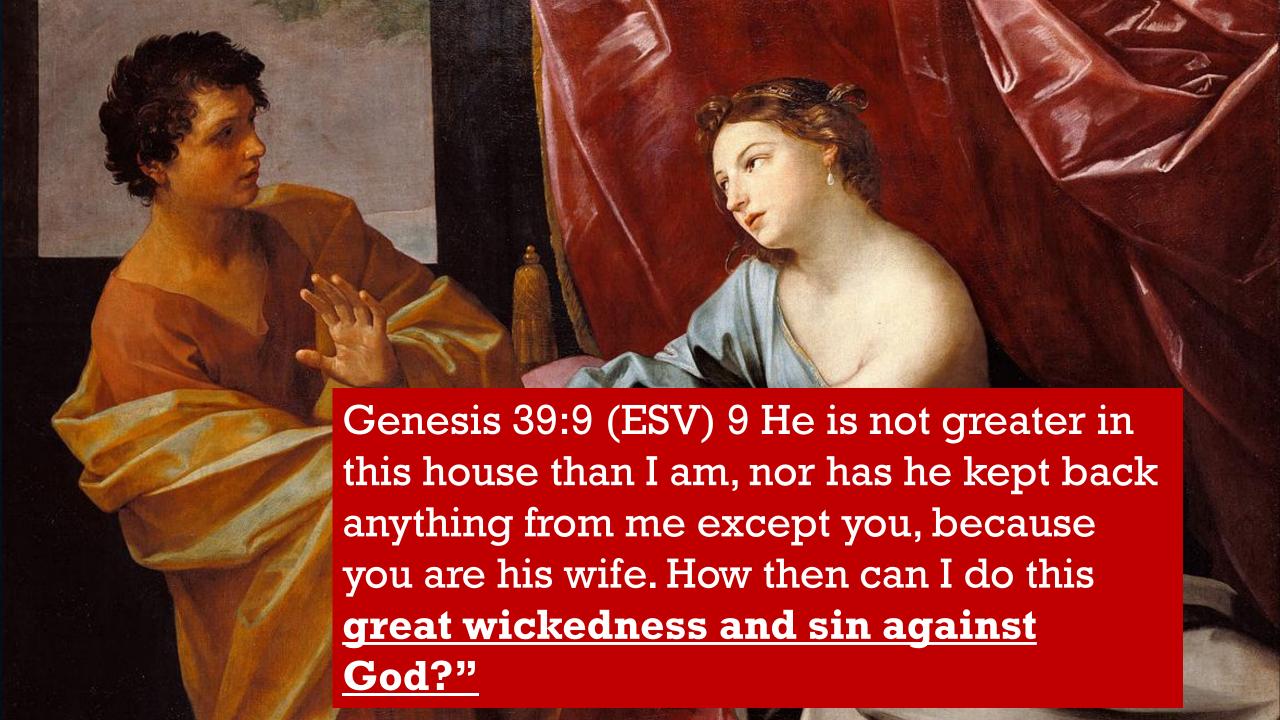
SIN

Failure of performance

Why have **you messed up as a king?**

Failure of Intimacy

Why have **you despised the word of the LORD**, to do what is evil in his sight?



SELF PITY PRODUCES DEATH

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (ESV) As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

WE CANNOT FORGIVE OURSELVES

Judas Remorse

Matthew 27:5 (ESV) 5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

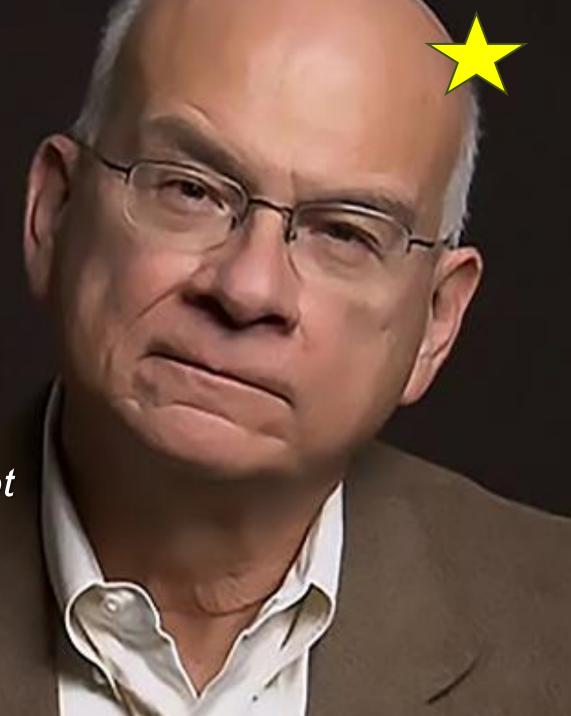
SIN IS PERSONAL BETRAYAL OF A LOVING GOD

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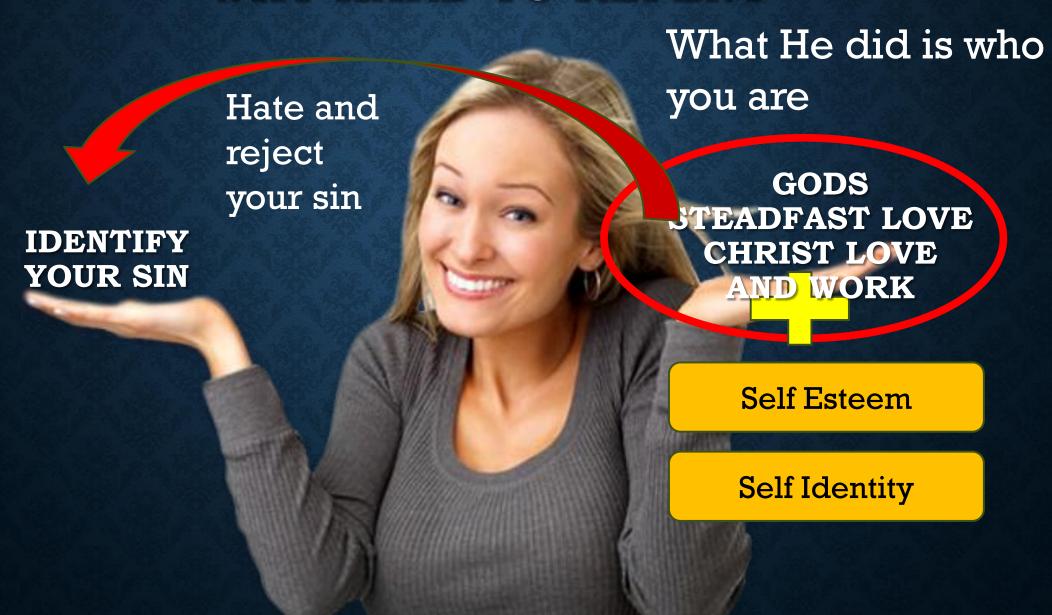
Focus is on the Person not the consequences

TIM KELLER

When the thing that most assures you of your value is the thing that most convicts you of your sin then you will hate the sin for what it costs God and not your self



WHY HARD TO REPENT



BROKENESS

Psalms 51:8-9 (ESV) Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

REASON FOR BROKENNESS BETRAYAL OF A LOVING GOD

Psalms 51:17 (ESV) The sacrifices of God are

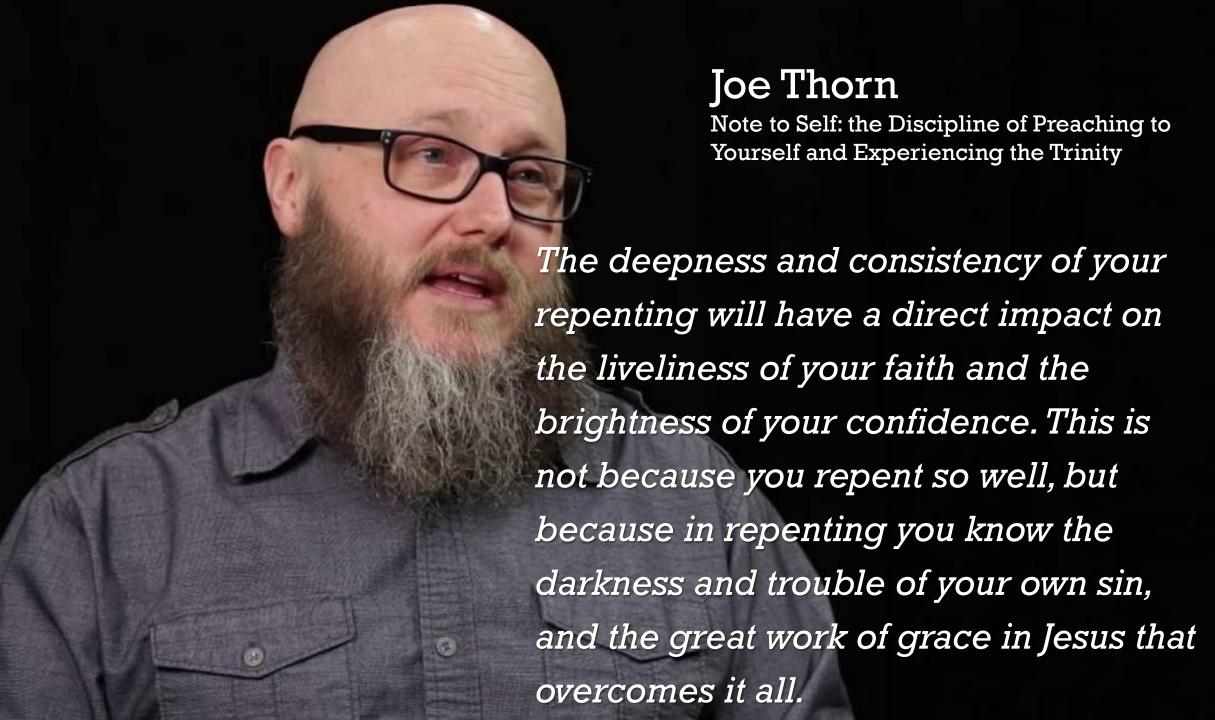
a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

2 Corinthians 7:10 For **godly grief produces a repentance** that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.





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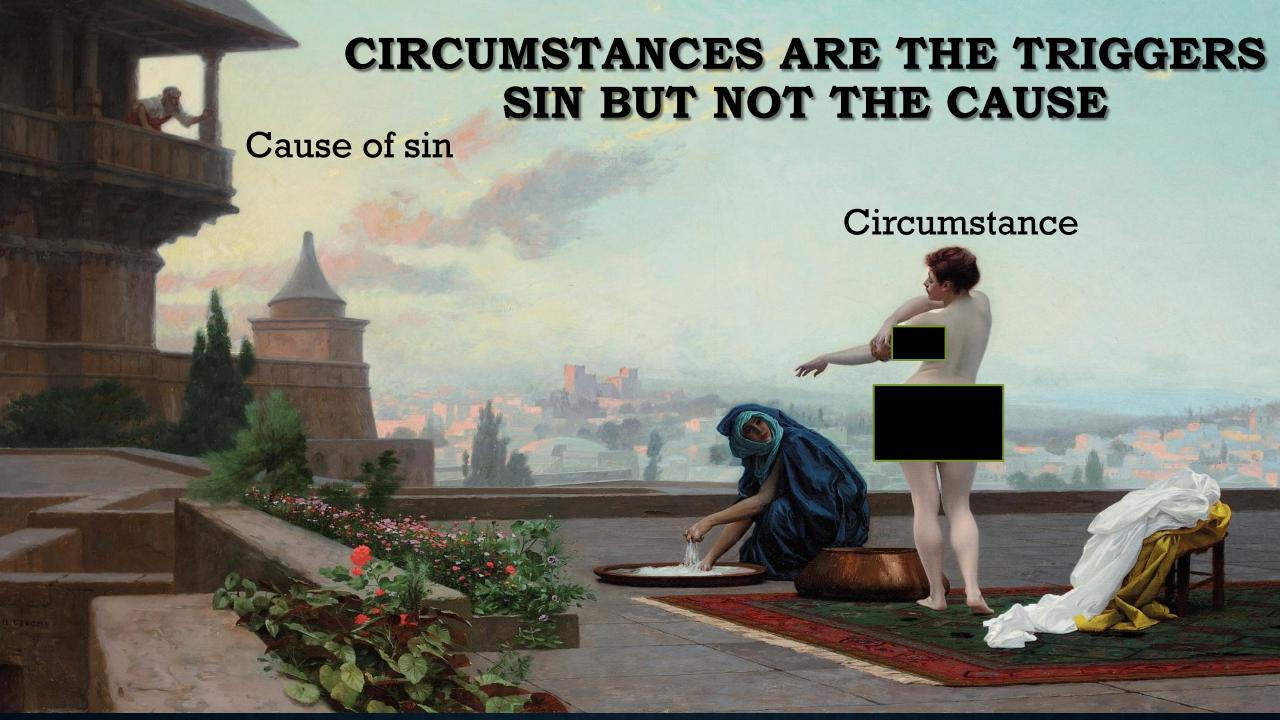
REPENTANCE---EXCHANGING IDOLS

Repentance

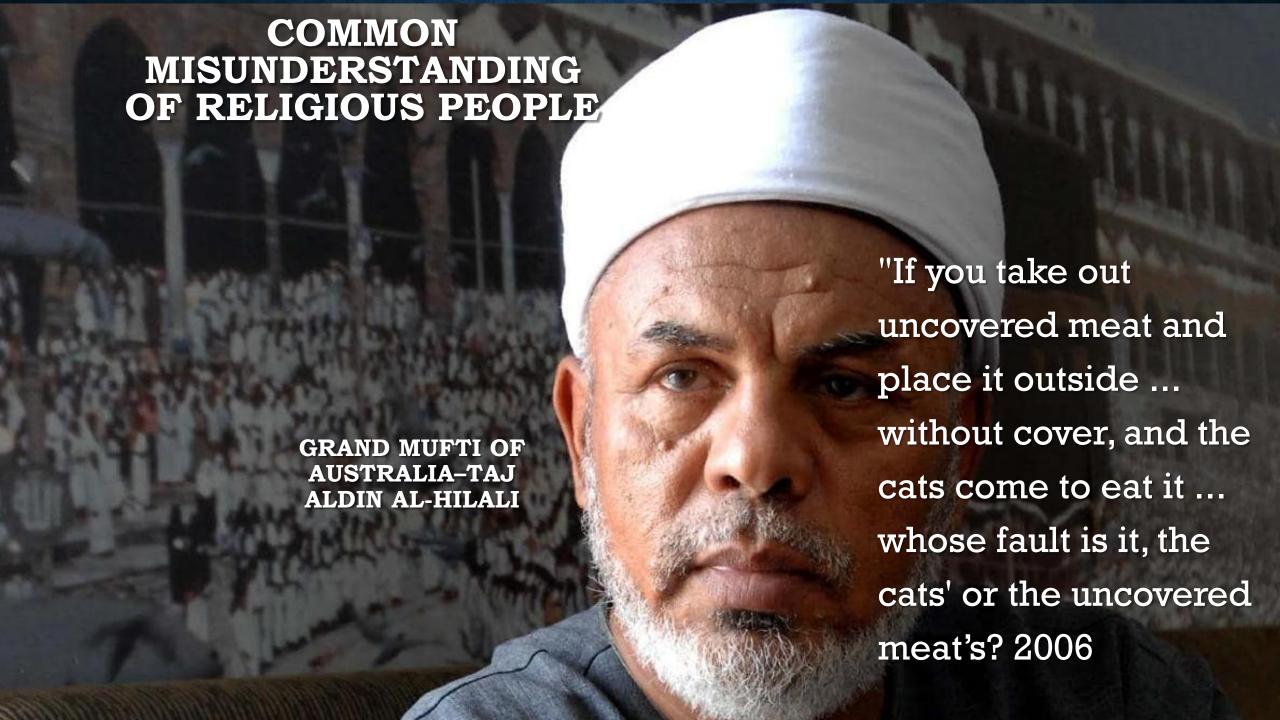
Remorse

Change of worship hating our former idols

Keeping our idols
..feel guilty and
still love the sin





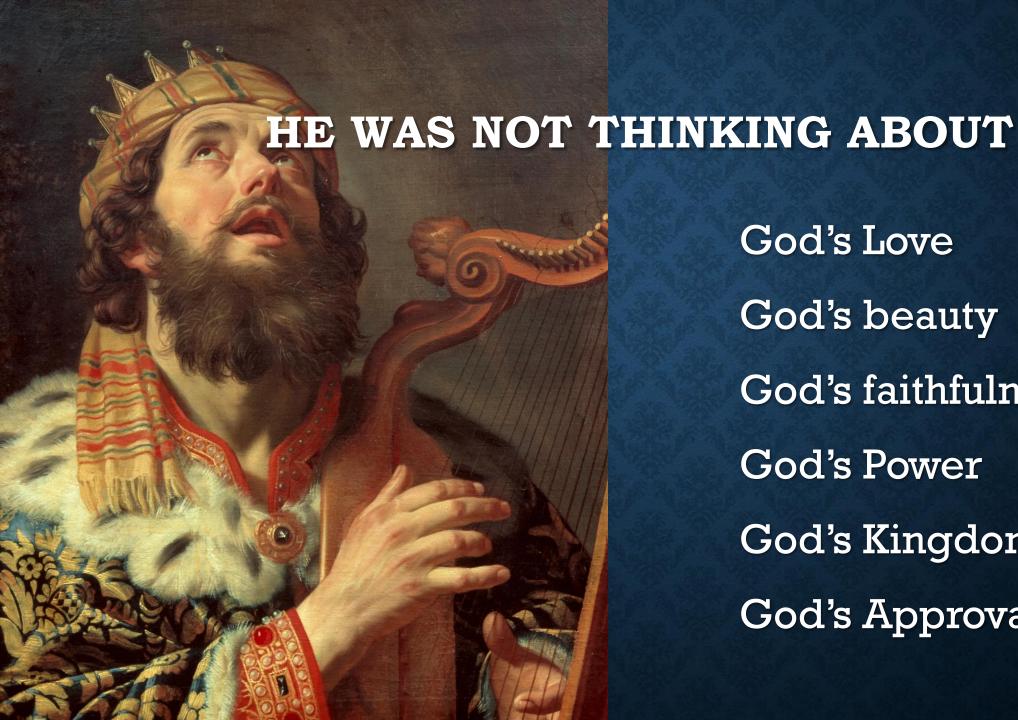


'SELF-PROCLAIMED PM' HADI INSISTS ON NATIONWIDE OKTOBERFEST BAN..13/10/18 M CHRONICLE









God's Love

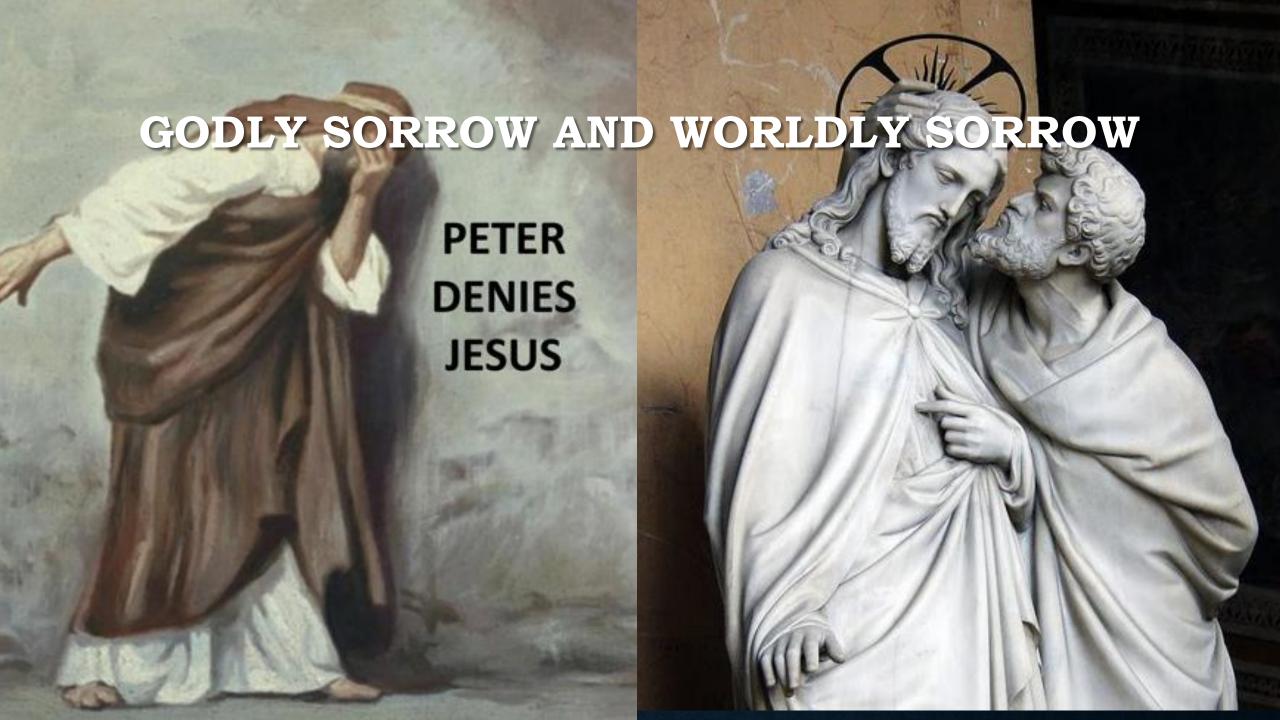
God's beauty

God's faithfulness

God's Power

God's Kingdom

God's Approval





The Thirteenth Resurrection Appearance by Del Parson

John 21:15 (ESV) 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

EXCHANGE OF IDOLS

John 21:17 (ESV) Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.





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8 Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.





Hyssop used to paint blood on door posts
Cleanse person on contact with dead
body
Propage for wordsin

Prepare for worship

RESTORATION SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL

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Recognition of God's fatherly discipline

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CONFESSION OF MORAL IMPOTENCE REALIZATION OF NEED FOR INNER TRANSFORMATION

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, you delight in **truth** in the inward being, and you teach me **wisdom** in the secret heart.

Petition for transformation..create always work of God A change of heart otherwise there will be sin again. Spiritual renewal change in the way he thinks

Psalms 51:10-12 (ESV) 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit

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COMMITMENT TO TRUE WORSHIP AND SERVICE

Teach sinners about what God is like- forgiveness, of love, loyal love, abundant mercy. How to find forgiveness

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my st The result of forgiveness is true worship

and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

COMMITMENT TO TRUE WORSHIP AND SERVICE

It is hypocritical worship that God opposes from unforgiven sinners. It is worship with real grappling with the issue of sin.

it; you will not be pleased with a built offering.

give

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a <u>broken and contrite heart</u>, O God, you will not despise.





THE POTS HAVE TO BE CRACKED

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (ESV)
7 But we have this treasure
in jars of clay, to show that
the surpassing power
belongs to God and not
to us.

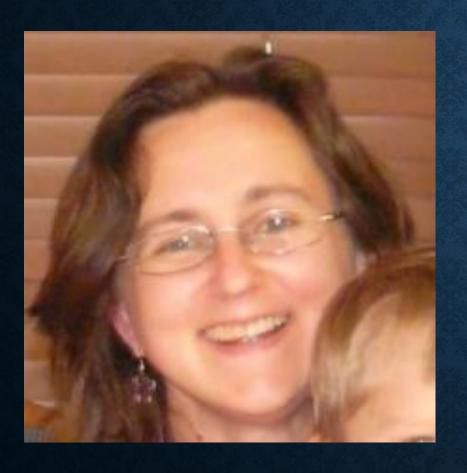


ACCEPTABLE TO GOD





JENNIE BADDELY



the struggle to repent is not about me. It is first and foremost a demonstration of grace by God in Christ. People watch. They see, even though I may not want them to, God at work with my imperfections. **But**repentance lets them see God—convicting, upholding and transforming.

https://au.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-struggle-to-repent/

PARALLEL

SATAN

GOD

1 Chronicles 21:1-2 (ESV) 1 Then **Satan** stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel. 2 So David said to Joab and the commanders of the army, "Go, number Israel,

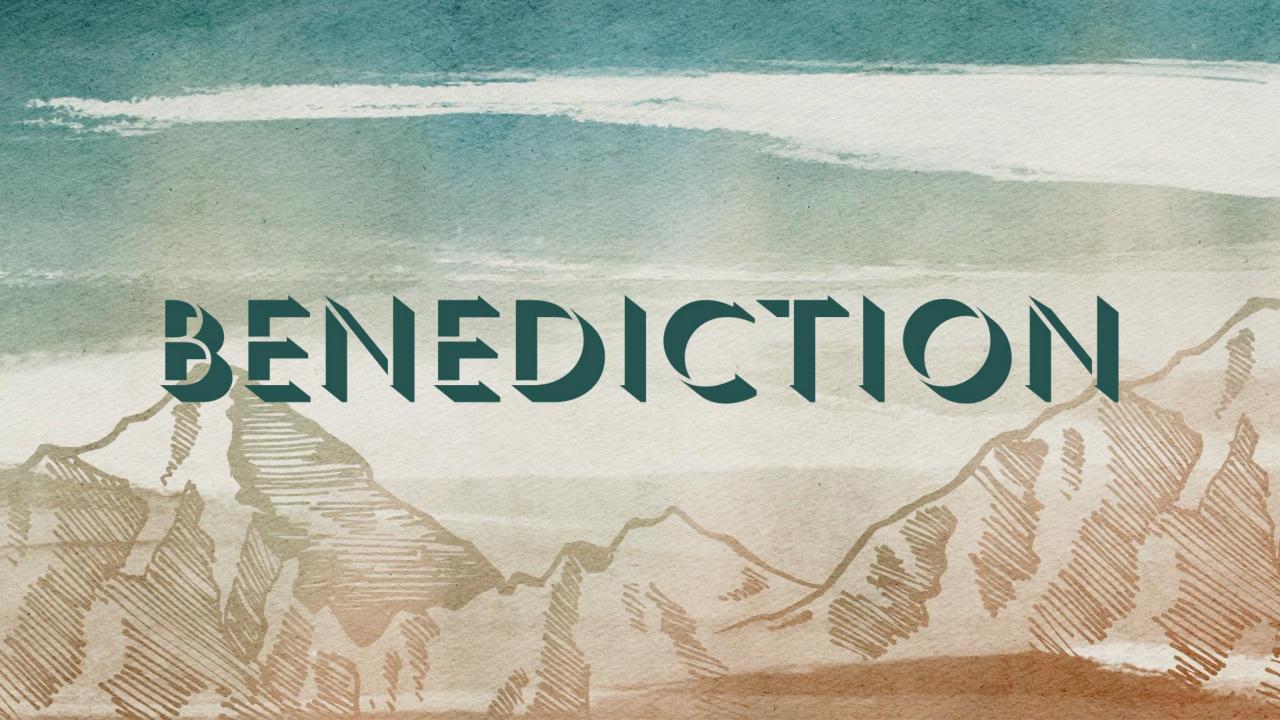
2 Samuel 24:1-2 (ESV) Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go, number Israel and Judah

THE GRACE OF GOD

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TO SHOW THE WORLD HOW REPENTANCE THE IMPETUS AND FORGIVENESS WORKS

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV) 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.