

The Joy of Salvation

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Introduction

1. Psalm 51: 12
2. Many deep emotions are manifested in the Psalms. Notice 14:1-4 and our text
3. Unhappiness is seen in the world and was experienced by David, yet our Psalm tells us of the joy of salvation
4. This joy can be perceived in many people within the New Testament
 - a. Acts 2:46 "...did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart."
 - b. Acts 8:8 "And there was great joy in that city."
 - c. Acts 8:39 "...and he went on his way rejoicing."
 - d. Acts 16:34 "...he set meat before them, and rejoiced..."
 - e. Philippians is a book of joy (20 times)
5. The Psalmist opens unto us the potential of the joy of salvation.

II Discussion

1. The joy of Salvation can be had only in forgiveness
 - a. The joy of forgiveness comes from a realization of the seriousness of sin
 - i. David realized this Verse 1,3 transgression, verse 2, 3 iniquity and sin and verse 9 hide thy face from my sins
 - ii. David had gotten his life out of focus; it was distorted; he had missed the mark set by God
 - b. The sin was against God verse 4
 - c. The sacrifices God wants from man is a broken and a contrite heart verse 17
 - d. The desire is for forgiveness is seen within the Psalm
 - i. Blot out the sin verse 1, 9 Sin on the debt side of God's ledger, blot it out!
 - ii. Wash me this is the method of washing in which stains are removed verses 2, 7
 - iii. Cleanse me verse 2 where sin is no longer upon a person
2. The joy of Salvation can only be had in a cleansed heart verse 10
 - a. Happiness or joy is a condition of the heart Proverbs 4:23; 23:7
 - b. Guilt does not burden a cleansed heart Hebrews 8:12
 - c. Fear does not control a cleansed heart 1 John 4:18; Hebrews 13:5-6
 - d. Doubt does not disturb a cleansed heart
 - e. Steadfastness is the results of a cleansed heart 1 Corinthians 15:58 which will serve God come what may
 - f. A cleaned heart is one that will willingly serve God
3. The joy of Salvation can only be had in Recognition of God's Presence
 - a. God had a personal interest in David, a special love for him; the same is true for each one of us. John 3:16; Romans 5:6-9; 1 Timothy 2:4
 - b. God is loving kindness verse 1; Ephesians 2:7
 - c. God is merciful verse 1; 2 Corinthians 1:3
 - d. God is righteous verse 14
 - e. God cannot be in the presence of sin Exodus 33:7
 - f. What is your relationship with God?

III Conclusion

1. All men have sinned Roman 3:23; Psalm 53:3
2. All men come to God with clean hands 1 John 1:8-10
3. If a man has a good heart then you can begin to accomplish great things 1 Samuel 16:7
4. David did not deny his sin, he faced it before God

5. David confessed his sin and sought God's forgiveness and cleansing
6. Will you have a heart like David's
7. Will you come to God to have a clean heart and hands
8. Will you come to the Blood of Christ to have a cleansed heart
9. Then you too can be restored to the joy of your salvation
10. If need to come, come now

Sources: Select sermons for the Old Testament by Tom Holland; The book of Psalms Vol. 1 Southwest lectures 1989; The Treasury of David by C. H. Spurgeon vol. 1 (within this book is another good sermon, it is under Helpful Hints to preachers)