

# Sermon Handout

## God Restores Sinners

### II Samuel 12:1-14

- I. David's Sins and His Restoration** II Sam 12:7-14
  - a. Effective use of analogy vv. 1-6 *cf.* Heb 10-24
  - b. God's gifts of grace & blessing to David vv. 7-8 *cf.* 7:8-17
  - c. David sinned against God v. 9 *cf.* 11:2-27  
The actions were against people, but the sin against God Ps 51:3-4
  - d. God forgives, but the temporal consequences remain vv. 11-14
  
- II. Elements of an Effective Confession** Ps 51
  - a. Acknowledge that forgiveness is based on God's mercy v. 1-2  
Forgiveness is not earned; it is purely a gift of God.
  - b. Acknowledge our transgressions v. 3-5
    - i. Our sins are against God's commandments v. 3-4
    - ii. They flow from a state of sinfulness v. 5
  - c. Be truthful; disclose all to God in prayer v. 6  
We must not obfuscate, diminish or excuse our sinful actions.
  - d. Recognize restoration as a gift of God's mercy vv. 7-12
    - i. From restoration comes joy & praise vv. 7-8, 12, 14-15
    - ii. A restored heart can speak of God's mercy vv. 10, 17, 13
  
- III. The Warning in Hebrews** Heb 10:23-39
  - a. How we see the battle against wickedness vv. 23-25  
We are not in this alone but as part of the Body of Christ *cf.* Jas 5:16
  - b. Willful rebellion against God leads to death vv. 26-31
  - c. Keep in mind God's past mercies to you vv. 32-35
  - d. Patiently exercise confidence in God's sustaining mercy vv. 36-39
    - i. Do not allow discouragement to turn you away.
    - ii. Persevere in the faith because God has called you from darkness.  
*See I Peter 2:9-10*