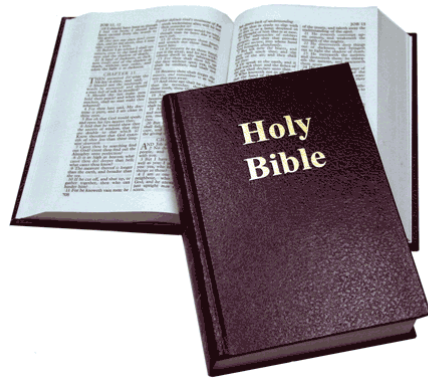


Spiritual Experiences from David's Psalms

Reading: Psalm 51:1-19



“When the only way is up”

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions
Tuesday 9th/Wednesday 10th October

Recommended Background Reading
2 Samuel 11 & 12

“David’s adulterous relationship with Bathsheba and his provision for Uriah’s death are the blackest of scars on that godly king’s character. In 2 Samuel 12 is recorded the encounter with between Nathan, the reprimanding prophet of God, and the guilty king. This psalm, David’s prayer to God for forgiveness, is in general enough terms so that all sinners, as well as sinning believers, may echo its sentiments.”
(Robert L Alden).

- 1) In verses 1-2 what does David recognise about himself; and to what in God’s character does he appeal?
- 2) Sometimes our prayers of confession can be too general. Verses 3-4 show David laying before God not only his sin but his understanding of the seriousness of it. *What does verse 4 reveal of David’s understanding about God?*
- 3) In verses 6-8 David longs for restoration in his life. *What is it that he wants to experience himself; and that in turn should be our aim?*
- 4) Verses 9-12 set out the route to spiritual restoration. *What are the different parts of that process?*
- 5) What will be the effect of this restoration on David’s life in verses 13-15?
- 6) Verses 16-19 give an insight into what God really requires from us. *What do they tell us about the dangers of an external faith that does not touch the real matter of the heart?*