

# Repentance and Restoration

## *Psalms 51*

- I. David's appeal to God for mercy is based on two things: (vs. 1)
  - A. God's unfailing love.
  - B. God's great compassion
- II. David's description of the nature of sin: (vss. 2-3)
  - A. Sin
  - B. Transgression
  - C. Iniquity
- III. David's understanding of the vertical dimension of sin: (vs. 4)
- IV. David's understanding of his own sinful nature: (vs. 5)
- V. David's desire for a changed life (repentance).
  - A. What God wants. (vs. 6)
  - B. What David wants God to do to him. (vs. 7)
  - C. The resulting condition of David's heart. (vss. 10-12)
- VI. David's praise following his forgiveness and cleansed heart. (vss. 14-15)
- VII. David's conclusion about the importance of genuine contrition rather than just religious observances. (vss. 16-17)
- VIII. Their response (vv.28-30)