

CHRISTIAN EMOTIONS AND GOD

Psalm 51:11-19

Introduction:

1. Who is Lord over your emotions—you or God?
2. In this Psalm, we see the Lordship of God guiding the emotions of David who was a repentant backslider on God.

I. (v. 11) DAVID’S ISOLATION AFFECTED HIM.

1. Isolation was prompted by the Holy Spirit.
2. Isolation was perceived in David’s spirit.
3. This is God’s process to bring folks to Himself.
4. Things of this world try to crowd this out (TV, phone, etc.).

II. (v. 12) DAVID’S RESTORATION AFFECTED HIM.

1. (v. 12a) The joy of his salvation was restored.
2. (v. 12b) The duty of his salvation was resolved.
 - A. Never allow me to fall into such sin again.
 - B. The Lord and I have been dealt a death blow.

III. (vv. 13-15) DAVID’S VINDICATION AFFECTED HIM.

1. (v. 13) He was cleansed to proclaim the truth.
2. (v. 14) He was cleansed to pray the truth.
3. (v. 15) He was cleansed to praise the truth.

IV. (vv. 16-19) DAVID’S GLORIFICATION OF GOD AFFECTED HIM.

1. (v. 16) Flee negative sacrifices.
2. (vv. 17-19) Faithfully give positive sacrifices.
 - A. (v. 17) Sacrifice must be with the right spirit.
 - B. (vv. 18-19) Sacrifice must be for the right services.
 - 1) Sacrifices should build the kingdom of God.
 - 2) Sacrifices to build the kingdom of God through His church must be accomplished by laying it on God’s altar.

Conclusion:

Here are the emotions of a Christian repenting their way back to God and full restoration of a broken spirit.