

“TRUE CONFESSION”

Psalm 51:1-19

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According to Rowland E. Prothero in “The Psalms in Human Life”, This Psalm was recited in full by Sir Thomas More and Lady Jane Grey when they were on the scaffold in the bloody days of Henry VIII and Queen Mary. Henry V had it read to him as he lay on his deathbed. William Carey, the great pioneer missionary to India, asked that it might be the text of his funeral sermon. Why?



REPENTANCE FROM SIN

vss. 1-6

- ***Toward a Righteous & Merciful God***
- ***With a Rebellious & Malignant Heart***



RESTORATION OF SPIRIT

vss. 7-12

- ***The Healthiness of Godly Purity***
- ***The Happiness of God’s Presence***



RENEWAL TO SERVICE

vss. 13-19

- ***With a Desire to Bless Others***
- ***With a Devotion to Praise God***

*“I don’t care how many worship services you attend or good deeds you do, your goodness is insufficient. You can’t be good enough to deserve forgiveness. No one bats a thousand. No one bowls three hundred. No one. Not you, not me, not anyone ... Listen. Quit trying to quench your own guilt. You can’t do it. There is no way. Not with a bottle of whiskey or perfect Sunday School attendance. Sorry. I don’t care how bad you are. You can’t be bad enough to forget it. And I don’t care how good you are. You can’t be good enough to overcome it ... **You need a Savior.**”*

- Max Lucado, “They Call Him the Savior”