

Psalm 51 • The Biblical Definition of Repentance

Seeking forgiveness & purification of sin:

1. (v.1-4) In reality, sin is a personal **break** in our **relationship** with God who is personally **offended** at it.
2. (v.5-9) An occasion for addressing **specific** sin is really an occasion to address **all of our** sins and tendencies.

Seeking spiritual renewal:

3. (v.10-13) Biblical “steadfastness” is seeking to make permanent changes to **behavior** in accordance with God’s **Word** and **ways**.
4. (v.14-17) A “broken and contrite heart” does not merely recognize **sin**, but desires to be permanently rid of **sin**.
5. (v.18-19) **Personal** spiritual renewal leads to **corporate** spiritual renewal—it is not just about **us** alone.