

May 25, 2020

## Good morning, Everybody.

I trust that you'll have a really nice Memorial Day today. In the excitement of picnics and gatherings it's easy to overlook the primary significance of the day—to remember gratefully and to honor the hundreds of thousands of service men and women who from the inception of our nation have given their lives for it. We should acknowledge them to the Lord when we pray today. We can thank Him for His providential use of their ultimate sacrifices to give to us and to safeguard for us the land and the freedoms that we cherish today. And thank you, too, to all of you who have served in the armed forces. We're grateful to you! May the day be a great delight to you especially.



### Confessional Psalms

Some of you want to make up your own directory for praying the confessional psalms that we've looked at the last two Sunday nights. I've copied below the listings that we've looked at on the screen. Please do remember, though, that I've only included a line or two from each psalm. Most of these psalms have additional confessions or acknowledgements of sin. (Acknowledgements may not always be explicit confessions, but simply allusions of some kind—for instance, the writer's speaking of being *forgiven*.)

Lord willing, this next Sunday evening we'll give additional attention to using these confessional psalms. And we'll need to consider some spiritual snares to be avoided. But those always lurk near to any dimension of spiritual truth or sanctified living. We've noted that particular phenomenon through the years—that right understanding and practice bring you right up to the edge of a precipice; one step further and you've tipped over into heresy or defective living.

But avoiding that, I trust that you may find an outlet for your *hunger and thirst after righteousness* through meditating on these confessional psalms; perhaps even through extracting and arranging verses and expressions from them that the Spirit of God seems to apply to your own case pointedly.

### Traditional Individual “Penitential” Psalms

- 6 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger (1a).  
32 How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven (1a).  
38 My iniquities are gone over my head (4a).  
51 Against You, You only, I have sinned. . . (4a).  
102 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath,  
for You have lifted me up and cast me away (10).  
130 If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand (3)?  
143 In Your sight no man living is righteous (2a).

### Additional Individual “Acknowledgement” Psalms

- 19 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.  
Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins. . . (12-13a).  
25 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions (7a).  
Pardon my iniquity for it is great (11b).  
31 My strength has failed because of my iniquity (10c).  
39 Deliver me from all my transgressions (8a).  
40 My iniquities have overtaken me (12b).  
41 Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You (4b).  
65 Iniquities prevail against me (3a).  
69 My wrongs are not hidden from You (5b).  
86 You, LORD, are good, and ready to forgive (5a).

Have a blessed day!

Praying for You,

Pastor Minnick