



## Introduction

*This Psalm is David's confession following his sin with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11 and 12).*



## Questions

1. What does David appeal to God for, to blot out his transgressions?
2. Who has David sinned against?
3. What sacrifice does God want more than a burnt offering?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** David asks God to show mercy because he is a loving God. He confesses his sin and asks to be cleansed
- **v 12 to 15** David pleads with God to restore his relationship so that he can teach others
- **v 16 to 19** He realises that repentance (see theme) is more acceptable than sacrifice. He looks forward to future restoration of Jerusalem

**Timeline** 970 BC (see below)



## Theme

### Repentance

*A selection of verses showing the importance of repentance.*

Repentance is concerned with a change of attitude and behaviour in our relationship with God. God's appeal to Israel, through the prophet Ezekiel, defines repentance and its necessity:

*Ezekiel 18 verses 30 and 31*

Jesus calls people to repentance during his ministry:

*Mark 1 verses 14 and 15*

Jesus' ministry caters for a universal human need – forgiveness of sins following repentance:

*Luke 5 verses 31 and 32*

Repentance is essential for our long-term future. Jesus says this when his attention is drawn to the untimely death of some contemporary people:

*Luke 13 verses 1 to 5*

After Jesus has risen from the dead he instructs his disciples to continue to invite people to repent and believe his teaching. It is part of God's plan already recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures:

*Luke 24 verses 45 to 47*

Jesus' apostles carry out this commission and preach repentance:

*Acts 3 verse 19, 26 verses 19 and 20*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 4, Q 3: v 16 and 17

## Bible timeline

