

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
HOW TO CONFESS SIN

2 SAMUEL 12:7–13; PSALM 51:1–6

- 1. Review of Nathan's confrontation and David's response.**
- 2. What is the connection between Psa. 51 to David's confession in 2 Samuel 12?**
- 3. David cries out to God for forgiveness, Psa. 51:1–6.**

2 Sam. 12:9, “Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.”

בזה *bazah*

**qal perf 2 masc sing
to despise, disdain,
hold in contempt**

דָּבָר *davar*

**comm masc
sing constr
word, speech
“the word of
YHWH”**

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2 Sam. 12:10, “ ‘Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ”

Lev. 4:22, “When a ruler has sinned, and done something unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD his God in anything which should not be done, and is guilty,

Lev. 4:23, “or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.”

Lev. 4:2, 13, 22, 27; 5:15, 18; 22:14; Num. 15:22–28; 35:23; Deut. 4:42; 19:4.

Num. 15:30, “But the person who does anything presumptuously, whether he is native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people.”

בְּיַד רָמָה *beyad ramah*

literally, “high hand” Ex. 14:8, Num. 33:3

A presumptuous sin has no sacrifice or means of atonement. The sinner must rely exclusively on the grace and mercy of God.

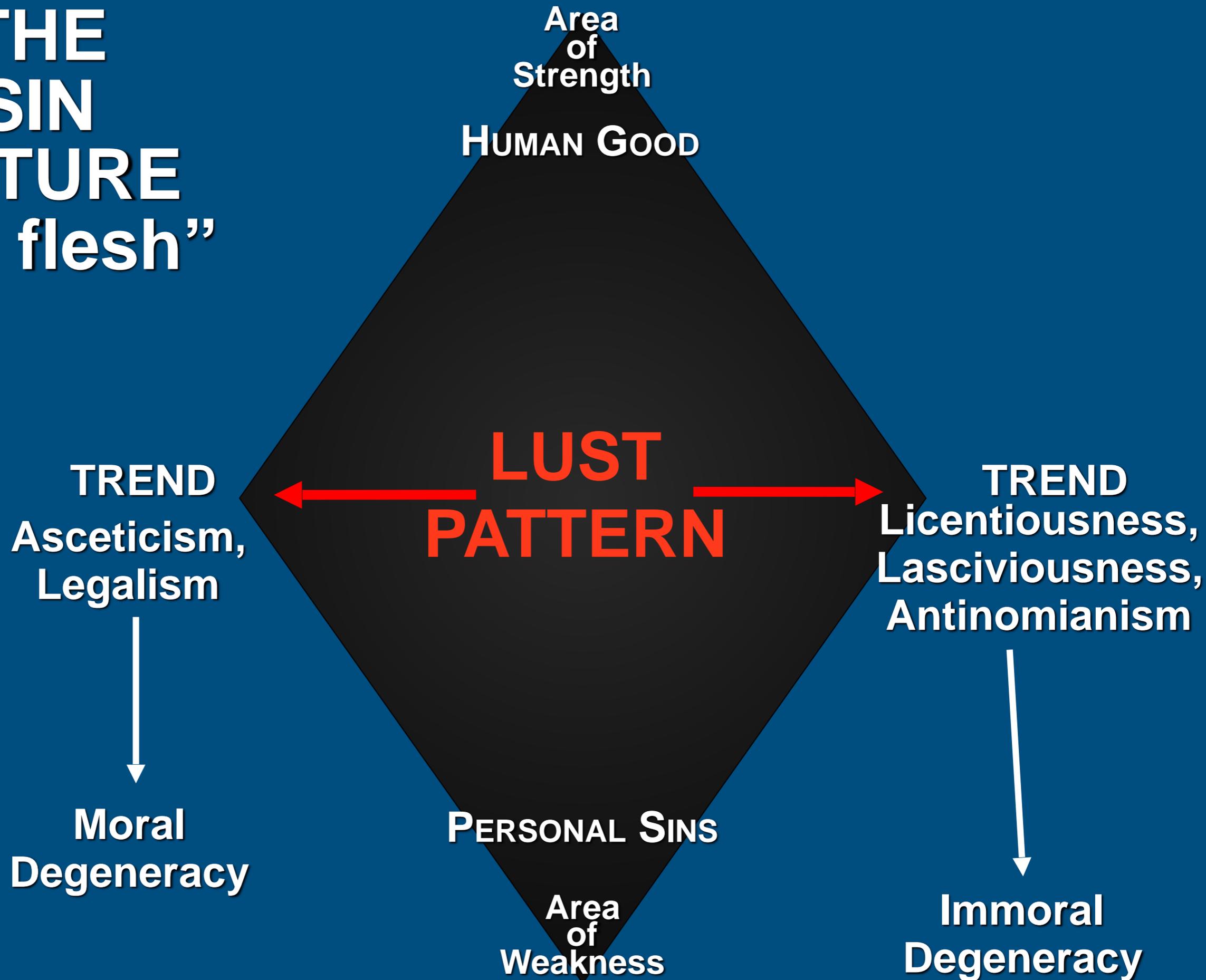
**2 Sam. 12:13, “So David said to Nathan, ‘I
have sinned against the LORD.’ ”**

חטא *chata*’ qal perf 1

**com sing to miss
the goal, sin**

Phil. 3:13, “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,”

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”



2. What is the relationship of Psa. 51 to David's confession in 2 Samuel 12?

3. David cries out to God and confesses his sin, Psa. 51:1–6.

**Psa. 51:0, “To the Chief Musician.
A Psalm of David**

when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.”

**Psa. 51:1, “Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender
mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.**

**Psa. 51:2, “Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.”**

Psa. 32:3, “When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long.

Psa. 32:4, “For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer.”

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מַחָה מָחָה-1 *machah qal*

imper masc sing
to wipe out,
eradicate, to
completely
remove

Gen. 6:7, “So the LORD said, ‘I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’”

Deut. 25:19, “Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.”

Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am He who blots out [totally erases] your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.”

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חֶסֶד *chesed*

comm masc sing constr
lovingkindness; faithful,
loyal love

רַחֲמִים *rachamim*

comm masc plur
constr
compassion

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**פְּשָׁעַי *pesha'* comm masc plur constr
rebellious acts, transgression,
willful rebellion against God**

Isa. 1:2, “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me;’ ”

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כבס *kabas*

**piel imper masc sing
to wash, to perform the
work of a fuller,
scrubbing out all of the
dirt**

טהר *tahar* piel

**imper masc
sing to be
clean, purify**

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עֲוֹן *avon*

**comm both sing
constr to err, to
go astray,
iniquity**

חַטָּאת *chata't*

**comm fem sing
constr to miss a
goal, or a way**

1 Sam. 15:24, “Then Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned [*chata*’], for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

1 Sam. 15:25, “ ‘Now therefore, please pardon [*nasa*’ forgive] my sin [*chata*’], and return with me, that I may worship the LORD.’ ”

1 John 3:4, “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

**ἁμαρτία *hamartia* fem
sing nom sin, miss the
mark, make a mistake,
fail to reach a goal**

Psa. 51:3,

**“For I acknowledge my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.”**

יָדַע *yada'* qal imperf 1 com sing to know

Psa. 32:5, “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah”

יָדָע *yada'*

hifil imperf 1 com sing

to know, hiphel, to inform, make known, to show, to let someone know something

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פְּשָׁע *pesha'* comm

**masc plur constr
rebellious acts,
transgression, willful
rebellion against
God**

Psa. 51:4,

**“Against You, You only, have I sinned, and
done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You
speak,
And blameless when You judge.”**

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צדק *tzaddiq* qal imperf

2 masc sing to be just

זכה *zakah* qal imperf

2 masc sing to be clean

Psa. 51:5,

**“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin my mother conceived me.”**

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Psa. 51:6,

“Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,

And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.”

אֱמֶת *emet* comm fem sing abs truth

**חִכְמָה *chokmah* comm fem sing abs
wisdom, skill**