

A man with a beard, wearing a blue checkered shirt, is shown in profile, looking down with his hands clasped in prayer. He is seated at a desk with papers and glasses. In the background, a bookshelf filled with books is visible. The lighting is soft and focused on the man.

CONFESSION TO GOD

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PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin! (1-2)

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. (3-6)

40 And they poured out some for the men to eat. But while they were eating of the stew, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

41 He said, "Then bring flour." And he threw it into the pot and said, "Pour some out for the men, that they may eat." And there was no harm in the pot.

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43 But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" So he repeated, "Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the LORD: 'They shall eat and have some left.'"

44 So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

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2 Now the Syrians on "one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel."

5 And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

6 So he went, "taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels" of gold, and ten "changes of clothing."

7 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read: "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

8 And when the king of Israel read the letter, "he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me!'"

9 But when Elisha the "man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

10 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.

11 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

12 But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper."

13 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went in a rage.

14 But his servants came near and said to him, "'My father, it is a great word spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you,

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wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
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Cast me not away from your presence,
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Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
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