

Psalms 51:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The commitment: 'Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.' Forgiven David becomes evangelistic David. Having received mercy, he will lead others to find the same. 'Thy ways' are God's patterns of grace; 'conversion' is turning from sin to God. Restored sinners make effective witnesses.

Historical Context

David's restoration prepared him to counsel others. His psalms of repentance became Israel's songbook for confession, teaching generation after generation about God's mercy.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. Why are forgiven sinners often effective teachers to other sinners?

2. How does personal experience of grace shape our witness?

Interlinear Text

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Then will I teach	transgressors	thy ways	and sinners	H413
H3925	H6586	H1870	H2400	

יְשׁוּבוּ:
shall be converted
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 22:32 (Parallel theme): But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Isaiah 2:3 (Parallel theme): And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 6:10 (Parallel theme): Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Acts 15:3 (Parallel theme): And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

Acts 3:19 (Sin): Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Psalms 22:27 (Parallel theme): All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

Psalms 25:8 (Sin): Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Psalms 19:7 (Parallel theme): The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalms 32:5 (Sin): I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Jeremiah 31:18 (Parallel theme): I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

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