



SERMON OUTLINE -- MARCH 31, 2019

“God’s Restoration Projects”

(Psalm 51:11-12)

INTRODUCTION: *Car restoration shows on TV:
from old wrecks to priceless treasures*

I. GOD IS IN THE BUSINESS OF RESTORATION PROJECTS

- A. Adam & Eve rebellion & sin caused a ‘car crash’ that had made wrecks of us all (Genesis 3)
- B. One example of this is seen in King David’s sin with Bathsheba (1 Samuel 11 & Psalm 51)
- C. David prayed that God would not “throw him on the junk heap”
- D. God convicted David of sin & absolved him of sin (**restored him!**) through David’s Pastor (the prophet Nathan)

II. GOD CONTINUES TODAY WITH RESTORATION PROJECTS

- A. He convicts us of sin & shows us the wreck we have made of our lives
- B. He sent Jesus to pay the full price for **our restoration** instead of “throwing us on the junk heap” (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- C. By God’s grace, we are a “work in progress” ☺
- D. If old wrecked cars could talk, they would say *thank you!* for saving them from the junk heap & wrecking yard & **restoring** them to priceless beauty
- E. David thanked God in much the same way (Psalm 51:12; Psalm 32:1)
- F. Today’s baptism of *Heidi, Grady, & Ethan* demonstrates **God’s holy restorations**

CONCLUSION: *Car restoration projects don’t always make sense from a cost perspective, but love for what is being restored makes all the difference*

[The same is true for you!!]