



SERMON OUTLINE -- APRIL 7, 2019

“Hide Not Your Face”

(Psalm 51:9-10)

INTRODUCTION: *Avoiding people can include “hiding your face” from them . . .*

I. DAVID COULD NOT AVOID GOD, BUT ASKED HIM TO “HIDE HIS FACE”

- A. But – avoidance is never a long term solution
- B. It is far better to face God sooner than later
- C. Through confession & absolution (with the help of David’s Pastor, the Prophet Nathan), “hiding face” was no longer needed or wanted (1 Samuel 11)

II. GOD THE FATHER HID HIS FACE FROM JESUS ON THE CROSS

- A. He did this as Jesus bore all our terrible sin
- B. Jesus shed His precious blood that David’s prayer “*blot out all my iniquities*” would be answered for us all

III. DOES JESUS’ SHED BLOOD FORGIVE ALL SINS & CAUSE THE FATHER TO HIDE HIS FACE AND NOT PUNISH AS WE DESERVE?

- A. Let’s fast forward from David the adulterer to an adulterous woman in Jesus’ day (John 8:1-11)
- B. Its true for David, this woman, and for us: forgiveness leads to a changed life & heart
- C. The prophet Ezekiel also speaks of *a new heart* (Ezekiel 36:26-27)
- D. David returned to the LORD with a new heart (1 Kings 14:8)

CONCLUSION: *You no longer need to try to hide your face or ask God to hide His face!*