

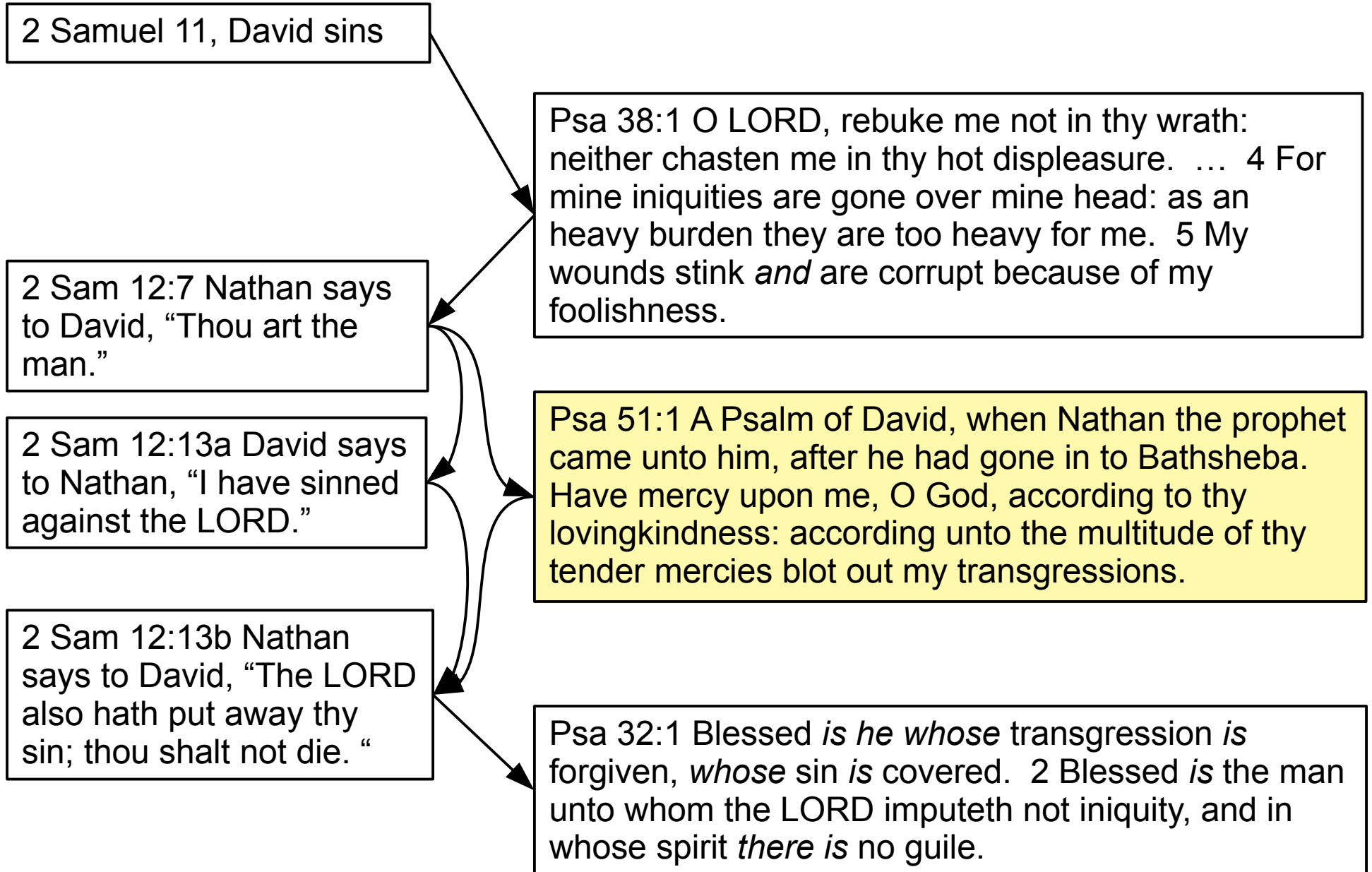
Treasure Hunt

- How do Psalms 51 and 52 line up with Psalms 49 and 50, and why?
- Why does David think that God will forgive him in 51:1-2?
- Why is David's sin "against thee [God] only" and not against Uriah or Bathsheba?
- What action was motivated by the purpose, "that thou mightest be justified" (v. 4)?
- What example does David's promise in 51:14 give us?
- What in Doeg's conduct in 1 Samuel 22 was "deceitful" (52:2, 3)?
- How does David's attitude in v. 9 contrast with Doeg's in v. 1?
- How does Psalm 52 echo Psalms 1-2?
- What attribute of God comforts David in the face of Doeg's treachery?

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The Psalms of David's Sin



Structure of Psalm 51

Psalm 51, David Asks for
God's Forgiveness

1-6, Plea for **Personal** Forgiveness

1-2, **Request** ← Exod 34:6-7

3-6, **Confession** of Past Sin

7-17, Plea for **Personal** Restoration

7-12, 14a, 15a **Request**

13, 14b, 15b-17, **Promise** of Future Praise

18-19, Plea for **National** Blessing

18, **Request**

19, **Promise** of Future Sacrifice

Psalm 51 and Exodus 34

Psalm 51	Exodus 34
<p>Ps 51:1 Have mercy חַנּוּן upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness טוֹב: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies רַחֵם ...</p>	<p>Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful רַחוּם and gracious חַנּוּן, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness טוֹב and truth, 7 Keeping mercy טוֹב for thousands, ...</p>
<p>... blot out my transgressions פִּשְׁעֵי. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity עוֹן, and cleanse me from my sin חַטָּאָה. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions פִּשְׁעֵי: and my sin חַטָּאָה is ever before me.</p>	<p>... forgiving iniquity עוֹן and transgression פִּשְׁעֵי and sin חַטָּאָה, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity עוֹן of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.</p>

Helpful References

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned ...

Gen 39:7 And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, ... 9 ... how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin **against God**?

Le 6:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass **against the LORD**, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; 3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; ...

Luk 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, ... 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned **against heaven**, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

(also Ex 16:2-8; Acts 5:1-4)

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ...

Psa 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. 9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. 10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Structure of Psalm 52

Psalm 52, Rebuke of a Gentile sinner

1, Opening Bracket

1a, The wicked **boasts in himself**

1b, God's **eternal** **תָּנִן**

2-3, Accusation of the Wicked

4-5, Doom of the Wicked

6-8, Contrast with the Righteous

8b-9, Closing Bracket

8b, God's **eternal** **תָּנִן**

9, The righteous **praises God**

1Sa 21:7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was **Doeg, an Edomite**, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul.

1Sa 22:8 [Saul said] there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? 9 Then answered **Doeg the Edomite**, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. 10 And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

Links to Psalms 1, 2, 49

Psalm 49

6 They that **trust in their wealth**, and **boast themselves** in the multitude of their riches;

14 Like sheep they are **laid in the grave; death shall feed on them**; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and **their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.**

Psalm 52

1 Why **boatest thou thyself** in mischief, O mighty man?

5 God shall likewise **destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living.**

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and **shall laugh at him:**

7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but **trusted in the abundance of his riches**, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But **I am like a green olive tree** in the house of God:

Psalms 1-2

1:3 And **he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water**, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

2:4 **He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.**